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“ A good man leaves an inheritance to his
children's children”

TO
OUR DEAR MOTHER

THIS LITTLE BOOK
IS
LOVINGLY DEDICATED
BY
HER CHILDREN

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A SHORT SKETCH OF THE LIFE

OF

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE

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FRIENDS' INTELLIGENCER OF

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ON the twenty-fourth day of the Twelfth month, 1838, William Canby and Rachel M. Biddle had entrusted to their loving care a son, whom they named Clement M. Biddle. They could not then realize what a potent factor that child would become, not only in the Society of Friends, but to the community at large.

Born in Philadelphia, not far distant from the little school-room adjoining the meeting-house on Cherry Street, above Fifth, it was quite natural that in his childhood he should have been placed there in the tutoring care of Mary Beans and Eliza Cook. Later, on account of his mother's ill-health, he entered the boarding-school of William Garrigues, near Moorestown, New Jersey. He was at one time also a pupil at

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Friends' Central School, and was known as a healthy, vigorous boy, excelling in strength and activity all his companions in athletic sports. His summer home being in Riverton, he at one time swam from that place across the Delaware River; then, not feeling fatigued, he swam back without resting.

As he grew into manhood, his physical strength seemed almost unsurpassed and rarely equalled; his mental qualities also developed in proportion, and consequently he seemed to mature much earlier in life than his companions; even at that time the qualities which were in later life so characteristic seemed to especially equip him for leadership.

In his teens he continued his studies under Albert H. and Alfred K. Smiley. It may have been while with them that his interest in the Indian was awakened, for he was in very early life an active and valuable worker in the Indian Rights Association, and was a devoted member of the Lake Mohonk Conferences, attending the same whenever it was possible for him to do so;

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and he was active in organizing a Conference of Friends of all bodies in America to take into consideration the subject of Peace and Arbitration.

In his seventeenth year he left school and entered the iron hardware business of R. and W. C. Biddle ; his father being in poor health, Clement assumed business responsibility very young. He organized the Biddle Hardware Company in 1865.

He married, Tenth month 11, 1860, Lydia Cooper, daughter of James and Lucy M. Cooper, of Woodbury, New Jersey, and settled in Philadelphia. Afterwards they resided in West Philadelphia for eleven years, in Sharon Hill until 1885, and moved from there to Lansdowne. Their family consists of three sons and three daughters.

He very early manifested a great interest in the educational and philanthropic work of Friends. He was a member of the Friends' Educational Association, which was merged into the Corporation of Swarthmore College, Twelfth month

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6, 1864. He was very active in the preliminary work of the College, giving liberally of his energy and financial means at a time when he was not only young in business, but too young to go on the Board of Management. Through his generosity many students were able to enter the College to pursue their studies. The need of such assistance so impressed him that, through his instrumentality, the Endowment Fund was organized. Later he was on the Board of Management, as its youngest member, where he became such an earnest worker in every department of the college work that for a number of years his influence was almost dominant. At the time of the destruction of the College building by fire he urged the rebuilding at once, and was very efficient in securing funds to cover the cost.

He was a member of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education from its organization to the time of his death, and was the clerk of the first Executive Committee appointed by that body for the purpose of organizing the monthly-meeting schools. For more than thirty years

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his interest in the schools thus established led to a devoted systematic labor for their perfection, raising the standard by seeing that the teaching force lacked not in preparation. Did schools weaken, he applied himself to seek for the cause, and energetically assisted in overcoming the difficulties. In his desire to forestall many perplexities, he organized a training class for teachers, wherein young Friends, showing the proper qualifications but lacking experience, might be well prepared to enter into the work of the school-room. This was always one of his deepest concerns.

He was one of the most efficient members of the committee appointed by the meeting at Fifteenth and Race Streets to have charge of the primary and intermediate schools. His services in this connection for many years were invaluable. His frequent visits to the schools were more than welcome to both children and teachers ; to the former his talks on travel and other subjects were interesting and instructive, and to the latter his practical advice and suggestions were

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most helpful. He always had in mind the unifying of the course of study so that the natural inclination of the pupil would be to continue advanced study in Friends' Central School.

His services were of inestimable value in connection with the last-named institution, his name first appearing on the Committee of Management in 1871. Through his influence the buildings were enlarged and many radical changes made. He was the constant adviser of the teachers, in whom he was quick to perceive any special fitness or marked ability, and he gave them his sympathy and support, and they in turn valued him not only in his official capacity, but as a trusted friend. As an evidence of his sincere interest and loyalty to the school, in 1887, when the illness of Annie Shoemaker compelled her temporary absence, and another valuable teacher was absent for the same cause, Clement M. Biddle was appointed Vice-Principal of the Girls' Department. So conscientiously and unflaggingly was the work of the school carried on that he well merited the confidence and esteem not only

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of each and every teacher, but of the pupils as well. At a meeting of the graduates of '87, at the close of the school term, a special resolution was adopted embodying therein the sincere appreciation of the services of Clement M. Biddle for his untiring and magnanimous efforts that the pupils should not suffer in any way by the loss or absence of said teachers. When he removed his certificate of membership from the meeting at Fifteenth and Race Streets to that of Darby, the faculty of Friends' Central School felt that his withdrawal from active participation in the management of the school would be a serious disadvantage to that institution, and he was accordingly appointed a member of that body, with power to aid in shaping the work of the school. The managers of Friends' Central School are sensible of a debt of gratitude for his untiring energy, and feel that the success and prosperity of that institution are largely due to his unsparing efforts.

At the time of the purchase of the property for the George School, owing to his unremitting per-

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severance, the entire sum paid for the land, embracing two hundred and twenty-seven acres, was raised by means of private contribution, thus leaving the John M. George bequest intact for school purposes. He was on the Board of Management from its organization until a few years prior to his death.

He was always greatly interested in First-day School work, and wherever his home was located at the time there he gave his strength and time in organizing schools or forming adult classes for Bible study. He was at one time Superintendent of the First-day School at Fifteenth and Race Streets. Having twice visited the Holy Land, his talks to the children were inspiring and instructive. His manner of instruction was always earnest and forceful.

He was active in the organization of the Friends' Book Association, and urged a central location where Friends' literature could be found and circulated. Through his influence this store was moved to Fifteenth and Race Streets, for the benefit of the schools there established, as well as

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for the convenience of Friends during the various meetings there held.

He was a regular attender of our religious and business meetings, and in the latter his views upon the various subjects under consideration always commanded attention, his remarks being generally concise and adhering closely to the matter in hand. He was a familiar figure during his many years of attendance at our Yearly Meetings, where strangers were always impressed with his strong personality and force of character, whether listening to his remarks in the meeting or while attending to the bodily comfort of the Friends assembled, or mingling socially between sessions. His strong attachment to his religious society never lessened, and his interest and energy in behalf of its manifold relations never flagged.

However, his labors were not restricted to those interests of his society which were so dear to him. Broad in his sympathies, unsparing of his mental and physical strength, he was always ready by means of counsel or substantial aid to assist individuals or communities.

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In 1876 he was a member of the Centennial Board of Finance, and for several years he was President of the Permanent Exhibition.

During the Centennial Exposition he became much interested in a kindergarten class under the care of Ruth Burritt, one of the pioneers in this work. He saw how the mental activities of the little ones were aroused and their moral and spiritual powers developed, and at once advocated a Friends' kindergarten. After interesting other members of the Committee of the Monthly Meeting School, he purchased the chairs, tables, etc., obtained permission to use the Library, secured the services of Ruth Burritt, and opened the first kindergarten in Philadelphia.

A close friend from his own immediate neighborhood in Lansdowne testifies to his great value and usefulness in a public capacity when he says :

“No one was more active in furthering the interests of the community. With characteristic intelligence he revolutionized the methods of road construction, transforming rough and muddy

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thoroughfares into smooth, well-built, and durable highways at a moderate cost.

“His interest in the public schools was pronounced, and he was one of the leaders of the Home Protection Society, which for years kept barrooms out of Darby. He was an earnest worker for the Prohibitory amendment to our State Constitution, and was rejoiced when our community gave a substantial vote for it. He was an active promoter and director of the successful Darby Savings Bank, and was much interested in our venerable Public Library.

“The same earnestness which pervaded him in public matters characterized his intercourse with his neighbors and friends, and his friendship was not limited to sect, color or creed.

“In his death our community suffered a severe loss, and his memory will be long affectionately cherished.”

His indomitable energy never permitted him to drift with the tide of affairs. His confidence in his own ability and his courage in meeting and overcoming difficulties were great propelling forces,

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and during the storm and stress of business pursuits it was often doubted if his physical strength could keep pace with his mental activity ; but his recuperative powers were great, and under circumstances which would have daunted the average business man, his perseverance and a keen sense of justice impelled him to further action.

We fully endorse the view taken by one of our most successful business men, when, in speaking of their long years of friendship, he says :

“I shall always remember him as a strong, brave, generous personality, overflowing with both mental and physical vigor, solicitous for the good of others, and as such I think he will long be remembered by all who knew him well.”

We should deem it almost a sacrilege to draw the curtain aside even for a momentary glance at the family circle, for we already know of his strong attachment to his home and his tender devotion to the members of his family. Having been separated for longer or shorter periods during the year, it was with exceeding pleasure that he

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looked forward to their reassembling for a few weeks' rest at the seashore in Ninth month.

Apparently in excellent health, while making a social call in Philadelphia, he was taken seriously ill, and on the following day an operation was performed. Nine days later, Eighth month 27th, 1902, in the midst of a peaceful sleep, he passed quietly beyond the border.

We cannot justly estimate the value of such a life. We realize only in part his unselfish individual worth ; still less can we discern or measure the direct influence of his character upon the lives of others with whom he came in contact. We shall ever remember his cheery salutation, his hearty grasp of the hand, his word of encouragement, which were but the outward intuitive manifestations of the great kindly heart.

A friend thus writes :

“How much there is that only the individual shall ever know, coming as that silent ministration that lifts the burden from the heavy heart, refreshes and strengthens like the morning dew, felt and appreciated by those on whom it falls, more ready

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to drink in the sunshine of God's love because it has come to know of the human instrumentalities by which He hands it forth.

“Though closed his works, yet the blessings he has bestowed will echo and re-echo through the coming years in grateful appreciation of his labor of love and sacrifice for the good of others.”

EMMA SPEAKMAN WEBSTER.





CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, 1846

(8 years of age)

THE FOLLOWING IS COPIED

FROM

THE PROGRESS

(A newspaper published semi-weekly in Darby, Pa.)

OF

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1902

DEATH OF CLEMENT M. BIDDLE



CLEMENT M. BIDDLE died on Wednesday about 6.30 P.M. at the German Hospital, where on Monday of last week he underwent an operation for appendicitis. For several days his condition was very favorable for recovery, but on Wednesday a turn came for the worse and death resulted from acute dilation of the heart.

Mr. Biddle, who was in his sixty-fourth year, was the eldest son of William C. Biddle, one of the founders of the Biddle Hardware Company, and was associated with that house for many years, having been its head for a few years prior to his retirement. Subsequently he became largely interested in a combination of manufacturers of gas fixtures, which was one of the earliest of the trade combinations known as "trusts," and whose collapse entailed heavy losses upon Mr. Biddle and his associates. He was also formerly largely interested in the manufacture of wire nails and in other enterprises.

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Mr. Biddle was one of the active and prominent members of the Race Street Meeting of the Society of Friends, and was one of the founders and managers of Swarthmore College. During the Centennial in 1876 he was a member of the Finance Committee of the Exposition, and later was made President of the Permanent Exposition that followed.

Mr. Biddle came to Delaware County from Philadelphia, some twenty or more years ago, and built a fine residence on the Chester Pike, at Sharon Hill. He afterwards sold this property and purchased the property at the corner of Lansdowne Avenue and Providence Road, in what is now Yeadon Borough. Prior to the organization of the borough, Mr. Biddle was greatly interested in Darby Township affairs, especially in the roads. He was elected road supervisor on a platform that advocated the building of stone roads, and it was he who inaugurated this great improvement in this section of the county. To this end Mr. Biddle contributed largely of his own means along with others, with the result that when he relin-

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quished the position many miles of Darby Township's highways were converted into good stone roads. His work was so satisfactory that he was considered an authority on road building. Mr. Biddle was also greatly interested in the formation of the Borough of Yeadon, and his advice on borough matters was often sought by many of the councilmen.

Mr. Biddle was foremost in the movement several years ago to rid Darby of all saloons, and was one of the originators of the Darby Home Protection Society. He was a man of strong character, and with a decisiveness about him that made his words and arguments impressive.

Mr. Biddle was beloved by all who knew him, and he will be mourned by a multitude of friends and acquaintances. He is survived by a widow, three sons and three daughters. These are William C. Biddle, Robert Biddle, Jr., Clement M. Biddle, Jr., Mrs. J. Reece Lewis, Mrs. J. Lawrence Lippincott and Miss Lydia Biddle.

The funeral will take place this (Saturday) afternoon at two o'clock from his late residence.

A MEMORIAL MEETING
TO
CLEMENT M. BIDDLE
WAS HELD IN
THE FRIENDS' MEETING-HOUSE
AT DARBY, PA.

ON FIRST-DAY AFTERNOON, 1 MO. 11, 1903

Although the day proved probably the most inclement of the winter, the meeting was largely attended, and many loving tributes to his memory were offered by friends present

THE FOLLOWING PAPERS WERE
READ AT THE OPENING
OF THE MEETING



CLEMENT M. BIDDLE's life was full of good deeds, manifesting thereby that "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living" (Matt. xxii. 32). His labors and example being profitable and elevating to so many of us, they will be held in our remembrance and cherished in our affections; but why do we put the spirits of our dead resolutely away from us; and why do we consider it a dangerous thing to seek for some hint from those whom we have loved—who are separated from us only by a film of silence, or by the little process of breathing? Are we not all hastening to their world by the flight of time? Are we not always treading close upon the verge of their world? And any one of the thousand exigencies of life may press us over the border into their company. "They are not dead." In

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the second place, if we may believe that our living dead are with us, their life intersphered with ours, why should it be thought a thing incredible that, at some point of contact, they may touch our spirits with a hint of recognition? Why may we not believe that the sudden sense of higher joy, the flash of clear vision into the invisible, the voice of warning or command or love spoken within us, may not be the brush of a wing, or the touch of a vanished hand, or the breath of a voice long since hushed, and of our own who are all about us, eager with the intensity of Heavenly love, ministers to us of life unto life? "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to us, the heirs of salvation?" "Do not our angels always behold the face of the Father?" If we could only clear our hearts of worldly love and begin to use our soul-powers intelligently and persistently, why should we not expect a similar mastery of the spiritual world as we have gained over the material? One practical Truth (*Divine Revelation*) speaks with authority to each heart; and it is good for us to think often of that other



“THE BRIARS,” HIS HOME AT LANSDOWNE, PENNSYLVANIA

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sphere of life and the activities going on there among our living dead. What a light of transformation would fall on this entire earthly scene, if we should begin to live "as seeing the invisible," conscious that our citizenship is in Heaven, feeling daily that we move in these earthly scenes "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses"! What love, self-forgetfulness and joy in our daily occupations, if we were conscious that, mingling freely with us, were the redeemed and purified spirits of our living dead!

Clement M. Biddle was a remarkably gifted man, endowed with wisdom and good judgment, overflowing with both mental and physical vigor. In his intercourse with the business world he manifested that he believed that there was no sacredness equal to the human soul. While his charity was liberal, it was dispensed with wisdom. His strength of character was most clearly shown in the business meetings of his religious society; his words here appeared to be based upon those laws upon which the inspired and illuminated ones of all ages have based all their teachings. When searching my

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mind for language to describe his power in these assemblies, there came the explanatory words of John Bright, when asked concerning his influence in Parliament. He replied: "I asked my calm judgment and my conscience what was the path of right to take. They pointed it out to me with an unerring finger, and I am humbly endeavoring to follow it." In holding up his life of practical usefulness as an example to others, we evidence that he was not only esteemed, but "honored in his own country." The legacies which he has bequeathed us are immortal; they live in the minds and spirits of the people, and we cannot wipe them out. His indomitable energy would not permit him to drift with the tide of affairs in our business meetings. Being strictly a disciplinarian, he had confidence in the letter so long and so far as it had been provided; but when questions arose of uncommon interest and magnitude, his confidence in the Divine power strengthened him to the overcoming of all difficulties.

JOSEPH POWELL.

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To put into words the life-work of such an illustrious character as Clement M. Biddle is not an easy task. His was a field of blessed work, much of it being done through the guiding power of an All-wise Father, who we believe he endeavored always to serve. His field of usefulness was by no means confined to the religious society of Friends, which he always cherished as the essence of religious perfection. The lonely ones who required his kind sympathy in their dark hours of gloom were often cheered by his judicious effort and influence in securing for them positions in the world of activity, enabling many hearts to rejoice as their hands were enabled to do the work of life, and their efforts were crowned with renewed hope. These can testify to the goodness of his better nature.

His home life was crowned with perpetual usefulness, and was ever a haven of exceptional happiness. The kind and hospitable greeting will ever be remembered by a host of kindred and friends. Those of his immediate household will

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ever hold in memory a sacred inspiration that no language can convey ; with this assurance : we know the world is the better from the fact that Clement M. Biddle has lived, and the reward that comes from well-doing is of a certainty his inheritance.

SARAH T. R. EAVENSON, M.D.



CLEMENT M. BIDDLE was a useful and valuable citizen of our county. In our immediate neighborhood no one was more active in furthering the best interests of the community. With characteristic energy and intelligence he revolutionized the old deplorable methods of road construction, and, instead of poor, rough, muddy thoroughfares, he gave us well-built highways, pleasant for travel, of great durability, and at moderate cost. He was generous in time, effort and money toward all movements for the public good.

His interest in public schools was pronounced,

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and he was one of the leaders in the Home Protection Society, which for years kept bar-rooms out of Darby. He was an earnest worker for the Prohibitory amendment to our State Constitution, and was rejoiced when our community gave a substantial majority vote for it. He was an active promoter and director of the successful Darby Savings Bank, and was much interested in our venerable Public Library.

He was in deep sympathy with all movements looking toward the peace of the world and the advancement of the great question of International Arbitration. He took a very active part in the Friends' Conference on that question, held last year in Philadelphia, and was a devoted member of the Lake Mohonk Association. The same earnestness which pervaded him in public matters, characterized his intercourse with his neighbors and friends. No one did more to welcome new comers in our midst. His demeanor was bright and cheery at all times, and his friendship was not limited by sect, color, or creed.

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He was my immediate neighbor for many years, and often manifested his good feeling toward myself and family. His sympathy was very especially shown in times of sickness and affliction. In his death our community suffered a severe loss, and his memory will be long affectionately cherished.

JOHN M. SHRIGLEY.



My acquaintance with Clement M. Biddle was mostly in the Meeting or First-day School. Yet, I think, I knew him very well. After his return from his Eastern travel, his descriptions of the scenes and people made us feel almost as if we had been with him to the Nile, the Pyramids, or to Jerusalem. His interest in the First-day School led him to encourage all in the school at Darby to attend at Fifteenth and Race Streets on First-day afternoon, at the time of holding the Yearly Meeting, and would himself meet all expense of going there. At Christmas time he would invite

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children, teachers and friends to his home, when in many ways he would entertain and make all happy. After the members of Darby Meeting had approved the propriety of families sitting together, instead of men on one side of the house and women on the other, Clement was the first to sit with his family, filling nearly one whole bench. We are so accustomed to this at the present time that we can hardly realize the change, but it was indeed an innovation.

If we go outside his religious society we will find him aiding in the Home Protection Society of Darby; improving the roads; placing the water-trough on the hillside for horses, or other public good; for he was a *man* among men; a *public benefactor*.

His business required much travelling, and when away from home he attended Friends' meetings, if practicable; but any church was his, for he was not a sectarian.

I can, and so may many, learn something from the life we are now considering—not only as a member with Friends, but as a citizen, as a neigh-

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bor, as a father, or in any of the relations of life. He was a large man in more than the physical meaning of the word. His death was sudden; only a few days from apparent health to the close of his useful life.

When we think of his pleasant family ties and his business connections (for he was greatly blessed), there comes intuitively a feeling that in *Eternal Justice* there is a compensation, a gain in the future to balance what he lost in the present. All this is wisely shut out from our eyes. We only know that he has "left the warm precincts of the cheerful day." In Dr. Garretson's Eulogy, the writer said, "He is not *dead*, he's just *away*." These words are as true of Clement. "He is not *dead*, he's just *away*."

ISRAEL H. LLOYD.



Anna C. Ware, of Salem, New Jersey, sent the following poem to be read :

REMEMBRANCE OF DEEDS

BY HORATIUS BONAR

Up and away, like the dew of the morning,
That soars from the earth to its home in the
sun,
So let me steal away, gently and lovingly,
Only remembered by what I have done.

My name and my place and my tomb all forgot-
ten,
The brief race of time well and patiently run,
So let me pass away, peacefully, silently,
Only remembered by what I have done.

Gladly away from this toil would I hasten—
Up to the crown that for me has been won ;
Unthought-of by man, in rewards or in praises,
Only remembered by what I have done.

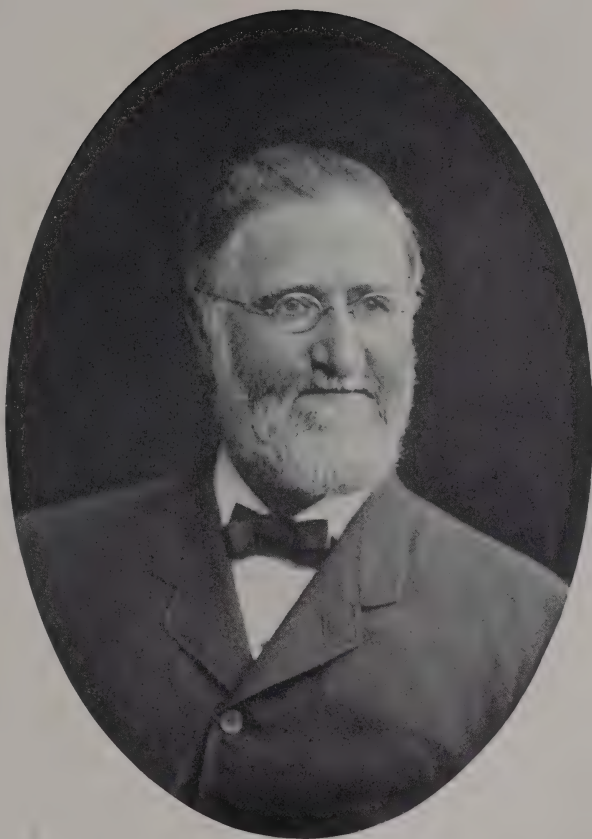
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Up and away, like the odors at sunset,
That sweeten the twilight as darkness comes on ;
So be my life—a thing felt, but not noticed,
And I but remembered by what I have done.

Yes, like the fragrance that wanders in darkness,
When the flowers that it came from are closed
up and gone ;
So would I be, to this world's weary dwellers,
Only remembered by what I have done.

Needs there the praise of the love-written record,
The name and the epitaph graved on the stone ?
The things we have lived for, let them be our
story—
We ourselves but remembered by what we
have done.

I need not be missed if my life has been bearing
(As its summer and autumn move silently on)
The bloom and the fruit and the seed of its
season,
I shall still be remembered by what I have
done.



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I need not be missed if another succeeds me,
To reap down those fields which in spring I
have sown ;

He who ploughed and who sowed is not missed
by the reaper,

He is only remembered by what he has done.

Not myself, but the truth that in life I have
spoken—

Not myself, but the seed that in life I have
sown,

Shall pass on to the ages, all about me forgotten,
Save the truth I have spoken, the things I have
done.

So let my living be, so be my dying—

So let my name be unblazoned—unknown,
Unpraised and unmissed, I shall still be remem-
bered ;

Yes, but remembered by what I have done.

ISAAC H. CLOTHIER'S REMARKS



I AM glad to be present and participate in this memorial meeting to one of my oldest friends.

I have thought while sitting here that if this meeting could have been held, with due notice, in Race-Street Meeting-House, perhaps even that large building would not contain all his friends who would desire to attend, as it certainly would not hold all who for many years had been interested in and influenced by his strong personality. For there can be no doubt our friend was a man of unusually forceful character, and that he exercised a very unusual influence wherever he moved. His mental and physical energy as a young man I have rarely seen equalled, and his personality impressed itself upon all with whom he came in contact. He developed quite early in life, and at twenty-one years of age seemed to possess a maturity of judgment such as men rarely reach until a much later period. At this

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period, in fact during all his life, he devoted himself with extraordinary energy to whatever he undertook. Successful in business at this time, he cared little—perhaps too little—for the money results, and a large portion of his energy and time was given to public service, and especially to the service of the religious society of which he was one of the most active of the younger members. No member of our Yearly Meeting need be told of the close attention he gave to Society affairs, or of the part he took for many years in the business of the Meeting; of the strong influence he exercised, and how a large portion of the Meeting was apt to follow his leadership. At the time referred to I doubt whether any other man in the Yearly Meeting, of his comparative youth, exercised so strong an influence as he in the conduct of the affairs of the Meeting.

I do not remember ever to have known a man so willing to labor for others, and so ready to put aside his own personal affairs to aid those who needed help. I think few men have sought to personally aid so many people, in so many

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ways, and anyone who sought his aid was always sure of a patient hearing, and of sympathetic counsel and assistance. In the educational concerns of the Society he was a most energetic worker, in Swarthmore College, on various school committees, and in the First-day School movement, in which he was one of the pioneers and a faithful worker for many years.

I would also refer to his services on the Centennial Board of Finance, from its organization till after the close of the Exhibition in 1876. The position was looked upon as a most responsible and honorable one, and Clement M. Biddle was the youngest of the original ten men selected to have charge of the disbursement of ten millions of dollars and of the arrangements for the first International Exhibition. He gave much time and attention to this work, and was highly esteemed by his associates for clearness of judgment, untiring energy, and faithful discharge of his share of most important public service.

There is a somewhat delicate subject which it seems right to refer to in justice to our friend.

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It is known that in the later years of his life he undertook the management of some large industrial affairs, which enterprise proved unsuccessful. The panic of '93 came on, and a period of depression followed for some years, followed in its turn by a period of prosperity and of business combinations previously unheard-of in variety and extent of successful operation. This new system of business, aiming for combination in and economy of effort, as well as a cutting off of wasteful expenditure, has not yet passed the experimental stage, but it includes methods which are approved by some of the best business minds of the times. It is thought by some that our friend was one of the pioneers in this policy of combination of effort and avoidance of wasteful competition, and that numbers of recently successful organizations have proceeded mainly on the lines on which he worked. May it not be possible that if his enterprises had been launched a few years later than they were, following instead of preceding the panic of '93, he might have achieved great business success and gathered

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into his hands a large fortune, which, while he cared little for it in the usual sense, would in his generous hands have been used to aid many good causes ?

I am glad to bear my testimony that this friend of ours was a most unusual man, generous, strong, gentle, brave, tender ; and as I think of him at his best he remains with me an inspiring memory, interested in all that was good and all that was helpful to his fellow men.



JOHN M. SHRIGLEY'S REMARKS



MR. BIDDLE's interest in International Arbitration was earnest and enduring, and based on a very thoughtful study of the subject. In its consideration, as in all other matters which received his especial attention, his strong intellect enabled him with great promptness to grasp whatever points might be under discussion, and to suggest the best solution of the same.

At one of the Mohonk Conferences a phase of the subject was presented which for two sessions perplexed the members. Some of the ablest men in our country had given their views regarding it, and there seemed to be no common ground of agreement.

Sitting next Mr. Biddle, I noticed he seemed preoccupied during the heated discussion, when suddenly he arose, and, in a few well-chosen words, gave such a clear and acceptable statement of the matter that his suggestions were instantly and unanimously accepted as the decision of the Conference.

DR. EMILY G. HUNT SAID



I SHOULD like to speak a word of Clement M. Biddle from the standpoint of a former teacher in our schools. No one who has not been in that position can realize his great interest in all of us; his personal sympathy under every discouragement. No matter was too small to take to him. With that strong, vigorous presence that seemed to radiate energy and encouragement, just to see him come into the classroom was a strength and help. He was the firm friend of all the teachers. But not only in work; he wished us to have every possible and reasonable pleasure.

I recall especially how good he was, in connection with a trip of five of us to New Orleans, during Christmas holidays. He took great interest in our plans, getting for us, unasked, an extra day or two, and then inquired about the route. "Why not go one way and return another?" The answer was, "Because it costs more." "How much



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more?" he asked; and at once handed out the difference for each, and would not wait to be thanked. It was not so much the money; he had it to give. It was his own warm spirit of spontaneous helpfulness, his energetic generosity, that makes me hold him in most loving reverence.

Living very near him, at Lansdowne, for many years I had many chances to see that he was a most excellent neighbor. But I imagine every one here to-day is recalling abundant instances of his deeds of kindness. Friends, if we were all to relate all such that we know, when would this meeting end?



DIGEST OF SAMUEL JONES'S REMARKS



TO, THE WIFE, CHILDREN, AND FRIENDS OF
CLEMENT M. BIDDLE: I felt a drawing to attend
the memorial meeting to be held at Darby in
memory of our late friend Clement M. Biddle,
feeling that there were acts of his which it
would be well for those left behind to have
brought up and impressed on our minds, for
they were worthy of following. The remarks
which I made were given without any prear-
rangement, trusting, as I always do, to the
inspiration of the moment for that which I am
to give. As I have been solicited to put them
on paper, to be added to others, and as I did
not charge my mind at the time with the matter
and order in which given, they will not be as
satisfactory as if taken down then; but with
this explanation, I am willing to present such
things as came before me.

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That beautiful saying of Christ's in His sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God," came before me this afternoon, feeling that it is very applicable to our departed friend; for he so often acted as peacemaker in the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, where he was deeply interested. I have observed on many occasions, when there was a subject up before the Meeting and there was much said pro and con, and they seemed unable to come to a satisfactory judgment, our friend would rise, and, with a few well-chosen words give his sentiment, which would often at once be united with and the clerks be enabled to make a satisfactory minute.

I considered him a far- and clear-sighted man, alive and interested in the many things connected with our religious society. It was only in this association that I was favored to meet him and hear his remarks, and I trust his mantle may fall on some one else who will carry on the work in which he felt so deeply interested. He was par-

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ticular in the attendance of his meeting for worship, although it was small and often silent. I want to impress on our minds his view of the ministry, for he believed it only rested on a Divine call and qualification. For years there had been much anxiety felt for the decline of the ministry among us, and many felt that if we had colleges, schools, conferences and Young Friends' Associations, these would help to bring out more in the ministry. At the Conference at Swarthmore in 1896, when this subject was before the Meeting, he arose, and in a clear and very impressive voice, called our attention to the fact that, notwithstanding our having Swarthmore College, George School, Friends' Central, and the Young Friends' Associations, and many conferences, our ministry was on the decline. These do not make ministers; we must be willing to dwell in the quiet and be sensible of the indwelling of Divine life, and ready for the call; and as we are willing to receive we will be qualified for it.

Oh! if Friends would only bear this in mind, I feel there would be a renewal of that life

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and helpful ministry that all Friends have known in the past.

On my way home from this meeting I stopped and took supper with a family; the wife had at one time been in his employ, and she told me of one of his many acts of kindness to her. When she was able to go out, after a severe attack of appendicitis, he asked her to go out to his country home for a few days, feeling that the change would do her good, which it did, and she appreciated it very much.

As I write this, two characters in ancient history come before me—Elijah and Elisha; and as I look to see how they correspond with the life of our departed friend, I find that the one grand object of Elijah was to awaken the people to the conviction that Jehovah alone is God. Elisha's chief work was of a loving and gentle character. He was honored by the Greek Church. So may we honor the life of our friend Clement M. Biddle.

MORDECAI T. BARTRAM'S REMARKS



THE memory of Clement M. Biddle is very precious to me, and perhaps I have had some experiences with him a little different from any others who are here.

In the late summer of 1872, while I was connected with the Indian work in Nebraska, he, with three others from the East, came out there for the purpose of joining the Otoe tribe of Indians in their fall expedition for buffalo. Three of us who were connected with the service there joined them, and for three weeks we were virtually cut off from civilization, and lived a life so totally different from anything I had ever experienced that its memory clings to me almost as if it were yesterday; and no one of that party, or no feature of it, comes to me stronger than the brave, cheerful spirit of our friend, and the events in which he took so prominent a part—always trying to see the bright side, and, with his strong,

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resolute will, so helping to keep up the cheer and hope that sometimes seemed wanting in others. The recollection of one terribly stormy night comes to my mind, when, fearing that the wagon-top would be blown off, I left my bunk and was taking the lines from the harness to tie the top to the wheels, when he came to my assistance, using the expression, "This will do to tell our children." Again do I call to mind a long, tedious ride on our way home. We had seen the wild buffalo and engaged in the chase; leaving the Indians behind us, we made long marches, and, crossing the fifty-mile divide, between the Republican and Blue Rivers, we all were tired and anxious to reach our camping-place for the night. But one of our party grew very impatient, and over and over again said, "I don't believe we will reach Hebron to-night." This was replied to by another member, who tried to make the best of things by saying, "Well, if we don't reach Hebron [a little town on the Blue River] we will stop this side." Then came the quick words from Clement, "That is the way to talk."

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Again do I see him in the middle of a treacherous river, with water almost to his waist, holding a horse's head above the water, while others of us detached the animal from the wagon. It took presence of mind and a strong nerve to do what he did upon that occasion.

And in our work at the Agency, it was the feeling always that we had one sure friend at the eastern end of our line that we could depend on, and who knew and understood our needs and was prompt to respond to our call.

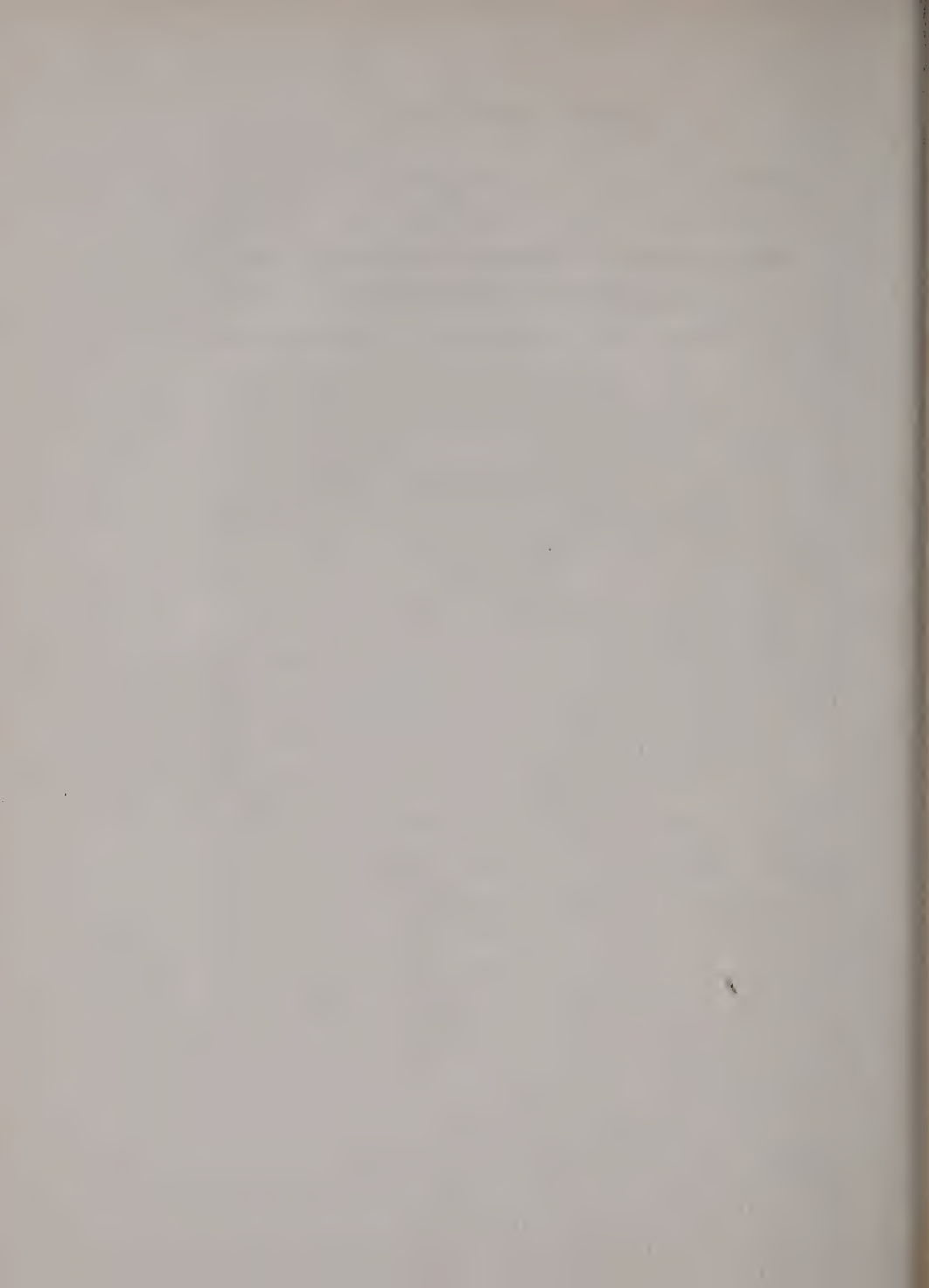
And through all the years since, how I have enjoyed his strong and constant friendship; so much so, that I felt I must come to-day and mingle my tear of sympathy and affection with you, who called this meeting as a memorial to our departed friend.



ELIZABETH LLOYD'S TRIBUTE TO CLEMENT M. BIDDLE



LIKE many other teachers, I can testify to the interest felt by Clement M. Biddle, not only in education and in schools, but in the welfare of the teachers themselves, for he was always ready to extend the friendly hand when it was most needed. But the trait in his character which to me seemed most worthy of admiration, was the courage displayed by him in adversity. Without wasting a moment in useless repining, he went to work bravely to regain the ground that he had lost. While working untiringly in his business, he maintained his interest in Meeting and First-day School, and his steadfast cheerfulness was an inspiration to all who knew him.



UPON THE FOLLOWING PAGES
ARE INSERTED A FEW PAPERS
KINDLY OFFERED TO OUR
COLLECTION

So extended, comprehensive, and valuable were the labors of our much-lamented friend, Clement M. Biddle, that it would be almost impossible to prepare a brief sketch of his educational life-work.

The records of Friends' Central School state that he was appointed a member of that committee in 1871 (this School being under the care of the three Monthly Meetings of Philadelphia : Race, Green, and Spruce Streets).

In Fifth month he attended the first meeting of that body. From data there gathered it appears each succeeding meeting presented business of importance, claiming careful consideration. He evidently evinced a deep interest in the various proceedings, manifesting a desire to be helpful in carrying on the work for which this institution was established—that of furnishing the children of our religious society, and those in

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sympathy with us, a good, sound, practical business education, as well as surrounding them with moral influences promoting their spiritual growth. His earnestness and clear judgment must have been apparent, by the various duties and appointments early committed to his care and oversight. Having received, as it were, a rudimental knowledge of the work devolving upon this committee, he was well prepared in Fourth month, 1876, to accept an appointment on the Executive Committee (consisting of twelve members), where a broader field of labor opened up before him. The management of a school, without an endowment and dependent entirely upon its own resources, was not an easy task, as the sequel proved. Many and intricate were the problems presented; but his clear-sightedness and forceful arguments, with the harmonious element characteristic of that committee, often brought about a solution; rough places were made smooth, and success eventually followed. This was a progressive age; it was his constant endeavor and ambition to elevate the standard of this school



VIEW FROM HIS BOYHOOD HOME AT RIVERTON, NEW JERSEY

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and have it rank as one of the foremost of the day. That his desires and plans were sometimes rejected was not always a discouragement to him, but with a cheerful spirit of submission he would sometimes say: "I do not agree with you, but will work as hard as if I did." Numerous and important were subjects and movements that claimed much of his time and consideration, and it was a marvel how, from his own busy life, the hours could be spared.

The following will represent some of the interests and subjects in which he was more or less actively engaged. In 1881 the formation of a post-graduate class in the Girls' Department was instituted perhaps by an expressed desire on the part of the pupils to extend their studies beyond the ordinary course. This was a new feature but proved to be most successful, as those who availed themselves of the opportunity can testify. In 1882 an ungraded or special department for girls was established. This was an undertaking of vital importance to him, but he was confident it would meet a requirement that

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had long been felt for those who had not been able to keep pace with their classes, or whose best interests were not subserved in the graded department. The efficiency and good results were so satisfactory that the following year a similar department was set apart for boys, both of which claimed much of his time and attention, and the two were afterwards united.

The school was never in a more flourishing condition than at this time, and at his request the limit of pupils was increased. Extending the grade for the advancement of the pupil was his constant aim. The demand for scientific instruction was apparent and its importance was considered, resulting finally in a room being set apart for a scientific laboratory, which was well equipped for the purpose. At a later date a biological department was opened, which was an attractive and instructive feature to him, he giving practical evidence of his interest thereafter by making a generous contribution of fifty dollars to one of our instructors upon hearing she was about to visit the Bermuda Islands for the collection of

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specimens, which he felt would be a valuable addition brought from that locality. This gift was most highly appreciated, more especially as he had the year previous severed his connection with the school. A minute was forwarded to him expressing the gratitude and thanks of the committee for his liberal gift.

Physical development was considered to be an important step towards an intellectual education. In 1885 arrangements were made by which the school was provided with additional classroom facilities with space for a gymnasium, which was furnished with the most modern and approved appliances for gymnastics.

On the southwest corner of Race and Fifteenth Streets stood a property occupied as a drinking-saloon, which was not only a menace to the school but to the surrounding neighborhood. This had for years given him and others cause for anxiety, and many fruitless attempts were made to obtain possession of it. The purchase required a vast amount of tact and shrewdness. He kept a constant, watchful eye upon it, and

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with his persistent determination finally secured the property in 1886. Upon this site improvements were early made, and a two-story temporary structure was erected thereon. At this time he was one of the Board of Management of Friends' Book Association, located at 1020 Arch Street, and deeply interested in its success. A proposition to transfer the place of business to Race and Fifteenth Streets, for the accommodation of the schools and Friends in general, was united with. The corner room was available and was soon fitted up with conveniences for the purpose. It was well stocked with all necessary school supplies, affording the children an opportunity to purchase needed material at a price very little above cost. This proved to be an important factor to the school, and was soon recognized as advantageous and convenient to all concerned. The long abstinence from food occasioned by the one-session system had been a source of discomfort, and different methods were devised for furnishing lunch, but with only partial success. Finally, with his customary foresight, he proposed that

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an arrangement be made with Friends' Book Association to provide plain, simple, nourishing food ("no pies nor doughnuts"), which was promptly done. A coupon system was instituted and a lunch substantial in quality furnished to the pupils at twenty-per-cent. discount (the Intermediate Schools also having the same privilege). This was experimental, but proved to be most satisfactory. The food was so freely partaken of, and was found to be so profitable and wholesome, that a permanent room for this purpose was established and continued to the present time, with increased facilities and additions. He took a special pride in this new movement, showing his interest by frequent visits at the serving hour. Many times he stood back of the counter and in merry mood and happy humor waited upon the children, thus adding much to their enjoyment, and often finished his work with a glass of milk and a sandwich which were evidently relished.

The transfer of an Annex School (for the training of teachers) to Friends' Central in 1887 was a subject that also claimed much forethought

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and deliberation. This had been under the supervision of the Educational Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, of which he was a most active member. He was firmly convinced that the training of teachers was a work for the future, and of vital importance. The method to be pursued which would be productive of the best results was a problem, but to him not a difficult one to solve. He entered into the work with great enthusiasm, and a class was early organized. Graduates of these schools, and others desiring to teach, found it almost impossible to secure positions owing to lack of experience, hence the necessity he saw for judicious training to overcome this difficulty. This class had opportunities afforded for receiving thorough instruction from competent teachers, besides having the benefit of courses of lectures on various subjects pertaining to their work. They were recommended to visit different schools for observation, whereby they gained much valuable instruction. After a course of study and practise they were often employed as substitutes, their ability thereby being

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tested, and if they proved to be efficient, influence was exerted to secure permanent positions. One of these pupils was at one time placed in Clement M. Biddle's own family, to his satisfaction. A few perhaps, even at this late date, still occupy the same position to which he then thought best to assign them, endeared by old associations. With a thrill of gratitude in their hearts even now they pleasantly recur to those happy days when Clement M. Biddle was their preceptor and benefactor, he ever stimulating them to higher, nobler work. Not a little sunshine came into their hearts when, in 1887, he proposed that this class of pupil teachers should be sent to the Summer School of Pedagogy at Asbury Park, the expense to be borne by the Committee. This invitation was extended to the teachers of the Intermediate Schools (they bearing their own expenses, which were offered at a reduced rate). A large number, including several members of the Committee, availed themselves of the opportunity. This was an intellectual treat and a festive occasion, and no greater enthusiast was present than the insti-

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gator and promoter of this seaside trip, his humor and witticisms adding so much to the enjoyment. Heartfelt were the thanks tendered him for the pleasure afforded them. At the close of the school year 1887, Annie Shoemaker, Principal of the Girls' Department, requested leave of absence, owing to ill health. The situation looked grave, but Clement M. Biddle, prepared for any emergency, offered his time and assistance, and was accordingly appointed Acting Principal. After reviewing the situation and becoming more intimately acquainted with the teachers, he was impressed with the importance of a reorganization of the departments, feeling it would be beneficial and productive of good results. After consultation with members of the Committee, it was decided that the faculty should be organized, thus dividing the responsibility among the different teachers. By this arrangement the school would be prepared for any future emergency that might arise, and could be conducted independently of the Principal. With this end in view, he united the teachers of the two departments

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(hitherto entirely separate) into a body known as the Joint Faculty of Friends' Central School. The Principals of the two departments were directed to appoint committees, whose business it should be to have an oversight of the various departments of school work. These committees were to be made up of representatives from both the Boys' and Girls' Departments, with the Principals as ex-officio members of all committees. This form of organization still remains unchanged in any important particular, and has proved itself a wise provision. He soon after removed his certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Race Street, and presented his resignation to Friends' Central School Committee. This was accepted with a feeling of regret and a realization of the great loss that would be sustained by his removal. His many generous deeds and his self-sacrifice will ever linger in the hearts of those whose privilege it was to be closely associated with him, and will ever stand as a noble monument to his memory. The multitude of teachers whose lives were brought into close contact with him, and who

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so freely sought his advice, truly feel his works "shall praise and do follow him."

A minute of regret was adopted and he was invited to continue to meet with the Committee, which was not often practicable. The following minute was also adopted by the Faculty, and approved by the Committee of the School :

"WHEREAS, We, the Faculty of Friends' Central School, have learned with regret that Clement M. Biddle is about to sever his connection with the Committee of Friends' Central School by taking his certificate of membership to another meeting; and Whereas, We believe his removal from active participation in the management of this School would be a disadvantage thereto; therefore Resolved, That the Committee is hereby earnestly desired to appoint him a member of the Faculty with power to aid in shaping the work of the School. Eleventh month 10, 1887."

At a special meeting held Eleventh month 21, 1887, Clement M. Biddle was present. Annie Shoemaker announced that the request that

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Clement M. Biddle should be made a member of the Faculty had been granted by the Committee of Friends' Central School. By request he took the chair and in a few appropriate words expressed his pleasure at their appreciation of his services.

His unfaltering interest in the training of teachers continued until the last days of his life. In the spring before his death he was urging the Educational Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to resume the work which had been previously abandoned by them. Plans were formulated and he was enthusiastic and hopeful that the good work of the past might be resumed. Business had previously for a long space of time called him from Philadelphia, where his influence and counsel were often missed. Upon his return, when for the first time meeting some of his old friends and co-workers, he grasped them firmly by the hand and said, "It does me so much good to get back again with my old friends." This met with a true and hearty response, and a warm welcome greeted him. His

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desire to know what had been going on during his absence was most earnest, and much time was pleasantly spent in interesting detail and the hope was expressed that his return would be permanent.

The work in Friends' Central School was only a portion of the educational field of his labor. His interests were far-reaching. The Intermediate Schools at Fifteenth and Race Streets absorbed much of his spare time, and his welcome was always assured by both pupils and teachers. Frequently he made little addresses which were instructive and amusing, the little folk often gathering about him with childish glee. His advice was freely sought and as freely given. He was also interested in the school at Seventeenth and Girard Avenue, and a prominent member of that committee, giving it as much attention as his time would allow.

Later, in the founding and starting of the George School he was an active and interested worker. Deeply impressed with the responsibility resting upon the committee having charge of the bequest, it was he who proposed and firmly

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insisted that none of the John M. George funds should be used for the purchase of a site. He appeared to have two reasons for this: that all the money would be needed for other purposes, and that it was doubtful under the terms of the bequest whether it was allowable to use the money for the purchase of ground. The wording of the will is as follows: "This bequest is to be for the erection of suitable plain buildings, and the balance not needed for that purpose to form a fund the interest of which may be applied towards reducing the cost of education." Some lawyers and others felt sure that no Court would presume that John M. George expected that the buildings would be "put in the air," and they thought that Clement M. Biddle was unnecessarily cautious, but he carried his point, and the sum of forty thousand dollars was raised for this purpose. He was also anxious and concerned that a large amount of money be reserved for an endowment fund, and kept intact, the interest to be applied towards reducing the cost of education.

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Active business called him much from home and he was obliged to forego the pleasure this work had given him, but he always withdrew with the assurance that his labors had not been in vain, and a debt of gratitude is due him for his long and faithful service.

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THERE are persons whom we may meet only occasionally, and that for a brief period, who impress us with their vigorous personality. A conversation of five minutes, or even of two minutes, will give us something to think about, and this something may expand until it takes possession of the whole mind and holds its place long enough to become engraved on the tablet of memory. Instead of saying when we meet them that "it is a fine morning" or "a dry spell of weather," which would not have given us one new idea, they either present some new subject

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or else an old one in a new dress ; there is originality in their remarks.

Such was Clement M. Biddle as I knew him. Our first acquaintance was as school-boys in "Friends' Central" at Fifth and Cherry, under the tuition of Clinton Gillingham. He was then about twelve years old and might have been classed as a normal boy ; activity rather *beyond* the average, and mischief not of a malicious kind. At one time we sat at the same double desk and I can testify that he was not a bad neighbor ; most certainly *not a selfish one*. If there was any selfishness in his makeup I never then, or in his later life, saw the evidence of it.

After leaving school our ways parted and I knew no more of him until he was a husband and father, a man in active business, and one esteemed and made use of in the Society of Friends.

During the early days of Swarthmore College he was a frequent visitor, and when he came it was not to sit in the parlor and be entertained. Oh, no ; he was "here, there, and everywhere,"

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with open eye, keen perception, excellent judgment, and a concise, forcible way of expressing it. There was often a touch of humor as well as originality in his sayings, and like that of Abraham Lincoln it was a telling kind that rarely failed to hit the mark at which it was aimed. His brusque manner, however, did not, and could not, conceal the kindness of his heart; for when any were in affliction he was just the man to render prompt and efficient aid, and to do it without reluctance or ostentation, but with a heartiness as unmistakable as it was simple and sincere.

His intellectual endowment gave him the ability to survey and grasp large enterprises, and, without neglecting details, to look above and beyond the little, into the great. As an Indian would express the opinion, he was a *big man*; and his bigness, sustained by strength of character, gave him power over other men; but it was the power of real grit without arbitrariness of exercise, or pomposity of manner in asserting it.

When speaking of his family, or any member of it, he was so tactful, had such a seemingly in-

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cidental way, that one was reminded of a person who would open the door just a little, and allow a peep into a household where domestic happiness reigned supreme, and

“Where kindness on his part who ruled the whole
Begat a tranquil confidence in all,
And all were swift to follow whom all loved.”

If the value of a life is to be estimated by the amount of good done for others, that of our departed friend must be rated high. From early childhood to early manhood, and through two-score years of mature life, may be traced a single thread of purpose,—to help some one in need of help, and to make himself useful rather than popular.

As a boy he was, beneath a superficial covering of mischief, and of seeming indifference, as dutiful a son and kind a brother as hopeful parents and fond sisters could desire. Although the only son, he was too independent to be spoiled, and too unselfish to disregard the rights and comforts of others. His filial obligations he never outgrew,

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and his affection for his sisters knew no diminution after he had a family of his own. As a husband and a father he was a model man; so that his wife, his children and their children can "rise up and call him blessed." When we view him as son, brother, husband, parent and grandparent, we see one who was ever ready to make sacrifices for those bound to him by the tenderest ties of life; and yet who made no parade of his affection, but manifested it by deeds rather than by words, by feeling rather than by show.

When we look at the business man, we find conscientiousness without ostentation, activity serving a purpose, the faculty of utilizing hours and moments; yet one who was never too busy to give a helping hand to some one in distress or in weakness, or a word of caution or of instruction to the young men of the establishment who were in training to fit them for business.

Many and many a time after a forenoon and midday of hard office work, involving the assumption of grave responsibilities, would he hurry to some committee-room and pass, perhaps, the

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whole afternoon in auditing accounts, planning a new building, or examining the merits of a proposed alteration; and all without any compensation, other than the internal reward for public service faithfully and efficiently performed.

In the Society of Friends he made no high profession of spiritual attainment, but sought to do his duty as a faithful sentinel, ever on the watch for danger from without, and willing to render some of the most exacting services within. He filled a niche peculiar to himself and one which may long be vacant.

The efficient aid that he gave in organizing and improving the schools under the care of Friends has built for him monuments, not only at Swarthmore, at George School, and in Philadelphia, but in country neighborhoods throughout the territory of the Yearly Meeting. Improved buildings, more suitable furniture, assistant teachers, better classification, libraries and apparatus now found at many of our country schools, are owing to the indefatigable and well-directed efforts of this energetic worker.

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In the community he acted the part of one who has a conviction that "A man's a man for a' that." From his point of view the highest and the lowest in the social scale had equal claims, not only to just treatment, but also to that delicate consideration which springs from a large heart, a discriminating judgment and a fearlessness that has grown under cultivation and been strengthened by experience. He seemed to carry with him, wherever he went, the feeling that family relations are just as close, and affections just as strong, among the lowly, as is the case with those in the more favored walks of life. "Suppose it were *my child* that was thus afflicted, what would I not do to have it restored to health? That man's children are just as dear to him as mine are to me. I will see what can be done for his boy." But what was remarkable in such cases was the blending of warm sympathy with good judgment, and a practical application of both to the object before him; heart and brain worked together harmoniously, and when judgment approved what feeling prompted, action followed the prompting,

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and relief came to the sufferer. If every human being that he helped out of difficulty, or put into a position to help himself, could come into one field of view, the company would resemble a mass-meeting.

In giving a characterization of our friend, we may briefly state what he was not, his life having told what he was. He was not indolent; he was not selfish; he was not cowardly; he was not arrogant; he did not angle for popularity; but with all of these "nots," he was no negative character. If a subject did not come within the range of his knowledge, he would frankly say so, and defer to those whose opportunities had enabled them to grasp it; but when he did understand it he would take in all the elements, analyze, compare, deduce, and come to a judgment—as does a physician in making up his diagnosis of a case—and then would his superb ability appear in his advocacy of certain measures which he believed would lead to the desired end. His hearers would be won over to his side; not because it was his, but because he had convinced them that it was right.

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There are probably many men of ripe experience and of good judgment who are prepared to assent to the statement, "I have never known but one Clement M. Biddle."

When suddenly seized with his mortal illness, his almost childlike docility was beautiful and touching, for it evinced the confidence that he had in the judgment, as well as in the affection, of his family. The man of power and of strong will, who had grappled with difficulties, and who had triumphed over opposition which to others seemed formidable, now became passive and confiding; like William McKinley, he was a non-resisting, obedient, and loyal patient; but in the one case, as in the other, medical and surgical skill proved inadequate to save the precious life, and the noble soul took flight from its earthly tabernacle and passed to the beyond, to receive the reward of "Well done."

To his friends who had not heard of his illness the news of his death came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, and, without being rebellious enough to murmur, they could only ask them-

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selves the question: How can he be spared? So felt one, without a kindred claim, but with a willingness to accept his share of the bereavement, and to keep in a closed chamber of his heart a warm place for the memory of Clement M. Biddle.

HUGH FOULKE.



It gives me great pleasure to add my testimony to the high character, sterling integrity, and great usefulness to his fellow-men of Clement M. Biddle.

It is now nearly half a century since I first met him, and for more than half of that time I knew him more intimately, in many ways, than perhaps any other person, and during all that period his uniform kindness to all those in trouble and distress, and his earnest interest in the proper education of the young, together with his unfailing help to those who taught, showed a character of high purpose that all admired.

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He was no half-way friend. When he undertook to help, he never tired, so long as the object was worthy; and many there are now living who must greatly miss him.

BENJ. HALLOWELL, JR.



WHEN the strong men are taken away, it remains for those who are left to recount their virtues, to seek out the sources of their power, and thus to strengthen themselves, if they may, for the work which has lost a chief worker.

My sense of personal bereavement, in the death of Clement M. Biddle, rises even above any feeling of loss to the Society and to the community at large, for I owe to his kindness many things, not the least of which is my connection with this Yearly Meeting and its various activities. I have called upon him many times for counsel and for help, and never once in vain.

There was something wonderfully helpful and inspiring in his very presence. I think I never

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shook his hand or looked into his countenance without fresh access of moral vigor. His ready sympathy; his hearty, kindly speech; his wonderful grasp of facts and their relations; his knowledge of men and his experience in affairs, made him the ideal counsellor, sought out of many who could count few other friends.

He was a Friend both by inheritance and conviction, and the sterling quality of his Quakerism was manifested throughout many years by deeds as well as words. It might be difficult to name a single Friendly enterprise, a single line of Friendly activity, inaugurated or carried on within the period of his active life, that does not owe some essential part of its organization or accomplishment to Clement M. Biddle. For he had in large measure what has been too sadly lacking among us, the willingness to initiate new measures, an open mind to every new thought, and, what is still more rare among us and among all men, he had the courage of his convictions.

Upon a tablet in St. Paul's is the epitaph of its famous architect: "If you would see his monu-

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ment, look about you." So if you would see the monument of this our friend, examine the records of the Society of Friends during these decades, study the progress and the work of its institutions, for in all these he had a worthy part, and of many he was the very life and soul.

WILLIAM W. BIRDSALL.



THE first that I knew particularly of the work of Clement M. Biddle in the schools was the establishment of the kindergarten in Second month, 1877, at Fifteenth and Race Streets. That was really my first contact with him in the work. The autumn of '78 was when I really did know him, and I certainly would not be true to myself if I did not speak of my personal gratitude for the position in the schools and the encouragement in the work that his presence always gave. When he came to the school, if only for a short call, he would make it a point to see all the teachers, and in a genial way and with a

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hearty handshake hurriedly take his leave. These visits were a stimulus to go on with our work with renewed vigor. He urged me to take the Principalship of the Primary School, which I was very loath to do; said if I refused I would be sorry but once, and that would be always. On one occasion he said, "Do not make the school dreary or the children will dislike it before they know for what they are going to school."

He believed in the kindergarten idea for the development of the true, the beautiful, and the good. He wished to have the walls of the school-rooms beautified, occasionally furnishing the funds to do it, in the accomplishment of his desire. We felt him to be the teacher's friend, not only from our personal contact, but from his many ideas to promote our happiness, among which can be mentioned the establishment of the Teachers' Class at Fifteenth and Race Streets, where methods of teaching were illustrated and the teachers were given the opportunity to practise the art of teaching in various schools before a permanent position was given them.

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The plan of sending forty or more teachers to the Summer School at Asbury Park in the summer of 1887 must have originated in his fertile brain ; where for three weeks, at a cost to ourselves of only five dollars each, we received the benefit of the health-giving sea-breezes, and imbibed new ideas that gave an impetus to our work that has not yet been forgotten. Then he invited four or more teachers at a time for a fortnight, or longer, to occupy his cottage at Lansdowne during the absence of the family, where they were sheltered and fed, and thoroughly enjoyed the quiet home life, with a coachman and horses at command.

On the occasion of the Silver Wedding of Samuel S. and Sarah J. Ash, Eleventh month, 1884, Mary S. Hillborn said to him, "What will be the length of the Christmas holidays this year?" "What does thee wish to know that for?" Her reply was, "Because some of the teachers would like to go to the Exposition at New Orleans, and if the holidays are to continue until Second-day we can do it." "You can go

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whether school opens or not, so make your plans without reference to the opening of the schools. I will fix that." And so he did. When we were about starting he inquired about our route; said "Why do you return the same way?" We replied, on account of the extra expense. "How much will it be?" "Eleven dollars extra." Out came his pocket-book and to each of us, five in number, was handed the money, as though it were no more than a nickel carfare. He arranged for us to leave a day in advance of the holidays, and to remain three days after the opening of the school. He realized the benefit to the school of all these outings, and most generously contributed to them.

Another time, at one of the teachers' meetings, some one remarked, "We would like to visit the Wilmington school to-morrow, it being a holiday on account of Quarterly Meeting, were it not for the expense." He overheard the conversation and said, "Any teacher who will go to Wilmington to-morrow need not pay her own expenses; the school will do so."

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Annie L. Clement says, "Just say he was always such a support in every way." He visited her school and gave several nice talks to the pupils about his journeys to various places.

At the Centennial Exposition of 1876, in the Educational exhibit, a small building was appropriated to the kindergarten department, in which a real kindergarten was held on certain days in each week. The pupils were brought from the "Northern Home for Friendless Children," and were under the care of Ruth Burritt, a Froebel kindergartner who had been trained in Miss Garland's Training School in Boston. This exhibit was a very attractive place, and claimed the attention of many who were not familiar at that time with kindergarten methods. I have always felt the establishment of the kindergarten in connection with the Friends' schools came through the interest of Clement M. Biddle in the system, as he saw it illustrated in Fairmount Park. At the close of the Centennial the furniture and material used in the little kindergarten was purchased and removed to the library at Fifteenth and Race

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Streets, where, in Second month, 1877, a kindergarten was opened by Ruth Burritt. A Training Class for teachers was also established at the same time, and eleven pupils entered the class, among whom was Susan T. Comly, selected by Clement as a person especially adapted to the system, and whom he considered suitable to succeed Ruth Burritt as Principal of the Kindergarten, which she did, and successfully held the position until her marriage. Again I must say that I firmly believe that his sympathy with and interest in the development of little children led Clement M. Biddle to urge the opening of a kindergarten at Fifteenth and Race Streets.

The megalithoscope, which is now in the primary department, and greatly enjoyed by the pupils, was a gift from him, to whose memory we tenderly cling in gratitude for the many kind words and deeds he bestowed upon us.

SARAH T. PRICE.

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It can be safely said that Clement M. Biddle was the first to have the kindergarten work introduced into Philadelphia, and the one at Fifteenth and Race Streets was the first established. In this he felt a great pride, and continually watched its growth and was delighted with its success, more especially as this system was new to the people of this locality.

REBECCA B. COMLY.



AMONG the many near friends of Clement M. Biddle, who passed away from so large a circle but a short time since, I desire to add my testimony of appreciation of the friendship which was so warmly extended by him during all the years of our acquaintance.

As he moved in and out among us at our loved Meeting at Darby he attached himself more and more to us by his cordial and ever-genial manner, so that the void left by his removal was deeply and painfully felt. When such are taken

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away from the activities of life, we are for a time fairly paralyzed, and wonder how or why their labors must cease in the very midst of their usefulness.

We gathered at our Monthly Meeting on the afternoon of Eighth month 25, 1902, with anxious hearts; a heavy cloud seemed to be overshadowing us, yet we looked into one another's faces in the hope of reading there some reason for a brighter outlook, and gladly did we take hold of the faint hope which his condition seemed to afford, so that when the change came it was a severe blow to our Meeting. Strong, fearless, yet tender and affectionate, we miss him and mourn his loss more than these few lines can express.

Personally I have no words to speak my sense of loss. We have parted with a dear and true friend, one to whom we could turn for a kindness with confidence; and I am assured that an unusually large circle of loving friends felt stripped and sorrowful when Clement M. Biddle died.

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His many charities will long be held in grateful remembrance by those who were helped thereby.

MARY McALLISTER.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER

“For thirty-five years, beginning with a time when he championed my cause in a case of injustice of which I was the victim at Friends’ Secondary School, I knew and esteemed Mr. Biddle and owe him gratitude for more than one favor; and though of late years our different spheres of work caused us rarely to meet, I never felt him less my friend.”

C. F. S.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF A SWARTH- MORE GRADUATE

“Since hearing of his death, I have lived over, again and again, the scenes of the past, those happy, care-free days, when we three girls dwelt together in your little cottage, and attended

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Darby Training School, and made occasional trips to Swarthmore,—privileges for which I shall always be the debtor of Clement M. Biddle.

“I said to him at Commencement two years ago (and I am so glad I said it), ‘Mr. Biddle, I have not forgotten thy kindness. To thee I owe my education, and that is not the only thing I have to thank thee for. Thy words of counsel and reproof have been worth a great deal to me. I have not always heeded them, ’tis true, but whenever I have they have brought me only satisfaction and pleasure.’ A look of gratification stole over his face as he smiled and thanked me, and we parted.

“It has been my good fortune in life to make many true friends, but none more truly helpful than he. My prayer is, that our hearts shall be so filled with the love of God that we shall find our happiness in carrying forward the work which was Mr. Biddle’s delight when here. The betterment of mankind was the subject which engaged his highest powers, and we can prove

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ourselves worthy of him only as we work to that end also."

EDITH JANNEY HILDEBRAND.



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OTHERS who knew him better in his youth have written of this valued friend, whom we have recently lost, he having passed on to the higher life just in the prime of his powers, and left a large circle of admiring and dear friends to mourn his untimely loss. It falls to my lot to speak of our friend chiefly with reference to his work for Swarthmore College, with which I have been associated from the beginning, and I am now the one who knows probably more of him in that connection than any other man. It therefore gives me great pleasure to say some of the many things that I know of his excellent work in connection with this first College ever established by our branch of the Religious Society of Friends.

It was a few months before the opening of the

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College, in 1869, that I first met Clement M. Biddle, and then he was pointed out to me by our first President, Edward Parrish, as one who had, thus far, done perhaps as much as any other man to arouse the interest of Friends in the educational movement, which was so soon to culminate in the opening of our scarcely-completed College to the students, in the eleventh month, 1869. (It opened thus late that year because the building was not completed in time to open at the regular time in the ninth month.)

I well remember being astonished at his youthful appearance, and that one so young could have taken so active a part in preparing for the opening of the College. I spoke of this feeling to Edward Parrish, and he said that when I came to know him well I would not be at all surprised at the part he had taken in accomplishing what had been done; and in this he was quite right. In the subsequent years, as I came to know him well, and to appreciate him at his true value, I have been not at all surprised at what he had then accomplished.

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He was always especially impressed with the great importance of a most thorough training of teachers for their work. Indeed, next to his work financially for the College, the training of teachers may justly be said to have been the work to which his great energy and clear foresight were devoted. I often recall with gratitude various instances when he felt that a result which I desired to accomplish needed financial support for travelling expenses, etc., and he contributed of his own means. He not infrequently hurried necessary subscriptions, by agreeing to furnish a necessary balance if they came within a certain limit, in a given time, not too remote. In these cases he always acted from a most earnest desire to bring about certain results for our beloved College, and never from any love of display; few followed more faithfully than he the Scripture injunction, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

Although in the latter years of his life he became less active in the work of the College, and no longer continued on the Board of Managers,

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being much absorbed in his own business affairs, I had frequent occasion to note that his interest in the success of our College could not be said to have abated (although frequently detained by his business far away from Swarthmore), and what time he had to give to educational matters was devoted to securing the best opportunities for those intending to teach to get the proper pedagogical training, before entering upon their life work. His interest in the work of our Educational Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting never abated, and in the meetings of that committee many of the suggested improvements in the working of the schools came from him. It was in these meetings that I most frequently met him in his latter years, and I generally fully united with him in the views which he there so forcibly expressed.

The sad news of his serious illness and so sudden death came to me from our excellent mutual friend, Isaac H. Clothier; and when it came I felt, at once, as did very many others I am very, very sure, that not only had our religious

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society suffered a great loss, and especially in all educational matters, but that I had myself suffered a great personal bereavement.

No name connected with Swarthmore through this first third of a century of its existence has been more prominent and more worthy of lasting remembrance than that of Clement M. Biddle; his father, William Canby Biddle, having served so long and so faithfully as our Treasurer; his uncle Clement, as a most active and efficient member of the Board, and Clement M. himself having done more for Swarthmore in his early life than any other young man of his age.

In conclusion I may say, that personally I have received aid and counsel from Clement M. Biddle on more than one trying occasion, of which we alone fully knew, and for all of which I take this late opportunity to express my most profound gratitude.

And in the receipt of such favors and such aid, I have good reason to believe that I am far from standing alone. To his sadly bereaved family I must express, in closing, this feeling of gratitude,

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never so fully expressed as I could have wished to him in his lifetime.

EDWARD H. MAGILL.



DANIEL BATCHELLOR SAYS

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE was a strong, cheerful spirit, and the keynote of his life seemed to be the desire to help others. This led him to take great interest in education, as the most effective means to broaden and uplift the lives of the young people about him.

In educational matters he was thoroughly progressive. He was a strong advocate of the kindergarten at a time when its merits were not as fully recognized as now. He saw clearly that the main purpose of education was the development of character, and that for this purpose all of the faculties should be trained,—the ear no less than the eye,—the voice as well as the hand. He, therefore, at once recognized the advantages of vocal culture in the Friends' schools, and it

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was through his efforts that this branch of education was provided, first in the Kindergarten and Primary, afterwards in the Intermediate, and then in the Central School. The vocal culture in the preparatory schools consisted chiefly of singing exercises, in which beautiful words were associated with beautiful melodies. In the Central School, although tone melodies were used for strengthening and enriching the voice, the exercises had more to do with culture in reading and speaking.

For several years it was my privilege to have frequent communication with Clement M. Biddle, and what always impressed me was the kindness of his nature. He was ever mindful of the feelings of others. The introduction of anything like singing into the Friends' schools was at that time regarded as a daring innovation. Therefore, while he was convinced that it was a right step toward a fuller education, he was always anxious to avoid giving offense to the more conservative instincts of other Friends. His course has been abundantly justified, for vocal culture is getting

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to be more and more valued as an essential factor in physical, mental, and moral training.

Whenever I think of Clement M. Biddle, I feel again the hearty grasp of his hand and the cheerful encouragement of his voice, which always made me feel stronger to go on with my teaching work.



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CLEMENT M. BIDDLE'S
ACTIVE LABORS IN NEIGHBORHOOD AFFAIRS

DARBY HOME PROTECTION SOCIETY

BY J. R. ELFRETH



It has been nearly fifteen years since the organization of the Darby Home Protection Society, and Darby has undergone great changes since then. Hundreds of new houses have gone up. Hundreds of new faces are daily seen on the streets. Residents have come from the city, surrounding towns, and more distant places to make their homes in Darby; many of these have never heard of the Home Protection Society. They are ignorant of the rise and progress of the society, its aims and object, the good it has done and is still doing in our midst. To these and others it was thought that a short account of its origin and the good accomplished might prove of interest.

It may be said to have originated in the old Friends' Meeting-House in Darby, one First-day

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afternoon, at a temperance meeting held there in the early fall of 1886.

After a number of addresses had been made and some interesting statistics had been read, Clement M. Biddle arose and said: "We have listened this afternoon to a good deal of temperance talk to temperance people, but this is not what I call temperance work. There are two taverns in Darby; now what we want to do is to get rid of them, and stop the sale of liquor in the borough. If there are ten men here who are willing to assist me in the attempt to do this, and will give me their names at the close of the meeting, I will see what can be done." After the meeting had closed ten or a dozen met and decided to meet in the Friends' school-house the following evening. They met and after talking matters over it was proposed that a number of ladies who were known to be interested in the work should be asked to join. This was agreed to, and they adjourned for a week.

At this meeting a number of ladies were present and an Executive Committee was appointed,



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and they directed to have one hundred copies of a remonstrance printed, which had been read and approved, and it was decided to call a public meeting of the citizens of Darby and vicinity to be held in Library Hall to protest against the granting of a license to sell liquor to James Standing, keeper of the Philadelphia House, and Enoch Hart, keeper of the Buttonwood Hotel.

The meeting was held on December 16, and was largely attended, the hall being filled. Clement M. Biddle opened the meeting, stating its object, and what it was proposed to do, and moved that W. Lane Verlenden be appointed president. This was unanimously agreed to, and J. R. Elfreth was appointed secretary.

The form of remonstrance as agreed upon was read by the secretary, who stated that the Executive Committee had had one hundred copies printed, and it was proposed that a thorough canvass of the borough should be made, by a house-to-house visit for signers, by the ladies, and those who were willing to go with them were

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invited to give in their names. About twenty responded.

Addresses were made by Rev. James Roberts, pastor of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. A. G. Kynett, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Henson Brice, A. M. E. Church; and Joseph Powell for the Friends.

C. M. Biddle stated that it was the intention to organize a society to be known as the Darby Home Protection Society, to have it incorporated, and to issue five thousand dollars of stock in shares of ten dollars each, and slips would be passed around on which each one could write what they would take.

John M. Shrigley stated that one thousand dollars had been already subscribed.

At the close of the meeting the ladies who volunteered to take the remonstrance papers around were furnished with them. They arranged to go in pairs, and selected the districts they would canvass as they were read over to them. The Executive Committee had divided the borough into ten or twelve districts.

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They made a thorough canvass of the borough in three days, going from house to house, and their efforts were crowned with the magnificent result of nearly twelve hundred signers. Of these, over four hundred were voters.

The Executive Committee found, on tabulating them, that the signers represented nearly one million and a quarter of the assessed property of the borough. The papers were taken to Media, affidavits being made to the correctness of the signatures by W. Lane Verlenden and J. R. Elfreth, and filed in the office of the Clerk of Quarter Sessions.

It might be stated here that the Executive Committee had had under consideration the purchase of the Standring property, on account of the disinclination of the Judge to take away a license where the house was occupied by the owner, he holding that it depreciated its value.

It was therefore decided to purchase that property if money could be raised, and an offer was made to James Standring for it, and an option obtained.

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The property stands at the northeast corner of Ninth and Main Streets, and since its purchase by the Society has been altered into two stores, the corner being occupied by Darby's well-known druggist, Harlan Cloud, and the other by the Philadelphia Suburban Gas Company.

Twenty-five hundred dollars were soon raised, through the liberality of the citizens of Darby and neighborhood; this was paid the owner, on account of the purchase-money, and the property secured.

At the License Court, held at Media, January 2, 1887, no licenses were granted for Darby Borough.

Too much cannot be said of the earnest work and zeal of the pastors of the different churches and their congregations, and the members of the Friends' Meeting, and others, who put shoulder to shoulder in this great work, and accomplished such a magnificent result.

The balance of the purchase-money was soon raised and paid to James Standring, and the property passed into the hands of the Home Protection Society.

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A few weeks after this the Ladies' Aid of Mt. Zion M. E. Church held a fair and supper in the building, which was gayly decorated with flags and bunting, pictures and mottoes.

The admission charged was fifty cents, and the flood of light which streamed through the doors and windows, and the bright, happy faces of the ladies behind the tables, which were covered with a great variety of articles, the ice cream and candy tables, proved a great attraction, as the house was crowded, and netted a handsome sum for the Home Protection Society.

One of the most pleasing incidents of the occasion was the presence of the late proprietor of the Philadelphia House, Mr. Standring, and his wife, who rendered valuable assistance in the preparation of fried oysters, etc., for the numerous guests.

Carpenters were put to work and the building was altered into two stores, with dwelling apartments back. With these and other improvements, the Society found itself in debt over three hundred dollars, which the lady members proposed to

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liquidate by holding a fair and supper in Library Hall, in the fall of the year. It proved a grand success, the receipts surpassing all expectations. The hall was crowded. In the lower part, occupied by the library, tables were spread and covered with dainties, and the smiling faces of the young ladies, who were assiduous in their attentions to their guests, made the occasion one long to be remembered.

At 10.30 all goods remaining unsold were put up at auction, Clement M. Biddle, auctioneer; his humor and merry jests excited much competition among some of the bidders, and goods went off lively and at astonishing prices for some—a loaf of bread bringing \$1.50, and several cakes \$2 and \$3 apiece; one brought \$5.50.

The next day, when the receipts of the different tables were summed up, it was found the grand amount of nearly seven hundred dollars had been reached.

The Buttonwood Hotel, which had been vacated by its former proprietor, was leased by the Society for three years and rented to Robert

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Green, who ran it as a temperance house, to the satisfaction of our citizens.

Things now looked bright for the temperance cause. The sentiment of the people in its favor was increasing; so much, that in the exciting election of 1890, for the Prohibitory amendment to the Constitution, the borough was carried by a handsome majority.

But it must not be supposed that the work of the Society was ended. There were men in the borough who were determined to have a drinking saloon, and each year circulated petitions for a license, which were numerously signed, and presented by their attorneys to the License Court.

The Society also presented largely-signed remonstrances, through their attorneys, and Judge Clayton remained true to his promise not to grant a license in the borough while the sentiment of the people opposed it.

This continued until the fall of 1894, when Judge Clayton ran for the third term, and, failing in the support of the members of the Society, in the following January he licensed the Button-

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wood Hotel, and this he did in the face of the largest remonstrance ever sent up, there being over one thousand five hundred signers. Of these, over four hundred were voters.

He continued to license this house until his death, nearly two years ago, though it may be said to his credit that he refused all attempts to increase the number, stating that he would grant no other license while the sentiment in the borough was so strong against it. Notwithstanding this declaration of the Judge, attempts have been made year after year, and in fact every year since 1887, by different parties to obtain license ; they have circulated petitions for signers and filed applications.

The Home Protection Society has done its duty on all these occasions, by calling public meetings of citizens to protest, and in circulating remonstrances for signers ; in filing these, and having lawyers to represent us in the License Court.

The Society stands ready at all times to prosecute the illegal selling of liquor in the borough, to oppose the granting of new licenses, and to

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use their best efforts to prevent the sale of liquor in the Borough of Darby.

It must not be supposed that the Society has confined its attention entirely to the liquor traffic. In 1888 they opened a Free Reading Room on the upper floor of the building now occupied as the Post-office. A few years later it was removed to the building on Main Street, opposite Verlenden's Mills. Here, with better accommodations, it has been carried on. The tables are well supplied with papers and magazines, and the shelves with good and interesting books, the Literary Committee being careful in the selection of only such books and papers as will tend to the moral improvement of the readers.

The rooms are large, well lighted and heated, affording a comfortable place for the boys and young men in which to pass their evenings. The public are invited to visit them, and to send such books and magazines as they may have of interest to boys and young men, either to the Reading Room or to the residence of the Superintendent, 842 Main Street.

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A Kindergarten was established by some of the lady members of the Society in Library Hall, and was continued for several years, and, on the completion of the Walnut Street Public School, was removed there.

A Mothers' Meeting was also held one afternoon in the week in the hall, by the ladies. It was thought much good was done in this way.

A Sewing School was also held in the hall, Saturday afternoons, which was largely attended. It was found that many of the mill-girls were almost entirely ignorant of sewing, having been taken from school at an early age and placed to work in the mills. No opportunity had been afforded them to learn to sew, and very many took advantage of the Sewing School.

The lady members of the Society soon realized the large field there was for the work and the necessity of extending its usefulness, by making instruction in sewing general among the children of the borough by its establishment in the public schools.

Mrs. J. M. Shrigley and Mary Elfreth were

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deputized to meet the School Board and lay before them the great necessity there was for its introduction into the public schools.

The latter of these ladies had maintained for several years a Sewing School for girls, at her home, on Saturday afternoons, often from fifty to sixty being present; and many mothers in Darby still lovingly speak of her and the instruction they received, not only in sewing, but religious training as well.

The ladies met the School Board and laid before them the great necessity there was of a general instruction in sewing, and the loss the children sustained in not having it, and that it was taught in the public schools in the city, etc.

After considering the matter, the Board decided to introduce sewing into the schools. A Sewing-School teacher was engaged, and Friday fixed as the day on which instruction in sewing was to be given.

A room was set apart for the purpose, and material, needles, thread, etc., were furnished by the Board.

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The good done was soon apparent, and, as years roll on, the wisdom of its introduction is more manifest.

The officers of the Society are : W. Lane Verlenden, President ; Morgan Bunting, Secretary ; J. R. Elfreth, Treasurer.

Another very important work of the Society was the organization of the Darby Saving Fund, which, though it began in a small way, has become an institution, and as great oaks from little acorns grow, so it has been with this. It was organized January 26, 1887. The first deposit was taken in the Sewing School February 6, and one in the store of J. R. Sweney in the evening of that day. They were received here on Saturday afternoons and evenings until January, 1888, when Harlan Cloud was appointed Receiver, and thereafter deposits were received daily at his drug-store, at the corner of Ninth and Main Streets, until January, 1891, when the Saving Fund was removed to the First National Bank of Darby, where deposits and payments have since been made.

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Since the organization of the Saving Fund, over fifteen hundred accounts have been opened, deposits amounting to over \$177,000 have been received, and payments made to depositors amounting to \$129,000. The amount now on deposit is nearly \$50,000, with a surplus of over \$5000.

The great success of the Saving Fund is due mainly to good management, and to the economical manner in which it is carried on. The Managers receive no compensation for their services.

Deposits are received from twenty-five cents to five hundred dollars, no one being allowed to deposit over the latter amount in any one year. The rate of interest is three per cent. per annum.

The present officers are : Chas. L. Serrill, President, and Morgan Bunting, Secretary and Treasurer.

The amount of good this institution has done, in promoting and encouraging economy among the children and adults of the borough, cannot be estimated. Many a child has its little hoard here,

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and there are men living in their own houses to-day who owe the possession of their homes to money saved from the tavern and deposited here.

Much credit is given to the public-spirited men who have given their time and labor in its management, for the good of their fellow-citizens.





CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, SECOND MONTH 21, 1859

RESOLUTION

COPIED FROM MINUTES
OF THE
CENTRAL SOUP SOCIETY

OF WHICH

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE

WAS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS AND
TREASURER FOR FORTY
YEARS

FROM 12 MO., 1860, TO 12 MO., 1900

MEETING OF THE CENTRAL SOUP SOCIETY



At the Annual Meeting of the Central Soup Society, held Second month 4, 1903, the following minute was unanimously adopted :

“Since our last Annual Meeting the hand of death has removed our valued friend and co-worker, Clement M. Biddle, and it seems appropriate that we should here briefly record our sense of loss and sorrow in this event.

“He was one of the founders or original organizers and incorporators of the Central Soup Society in the year 1861 ; was for nearly forty years its Treasurer, and always actively interested in its beneficent work. Our Board will greatly miss his cheerful presence and his wise watchfulness of its business interests.

“A warm heart and a cool head, with physical and mental energy, characterized all his inter-

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course with his fellows, and made him a leader among men, both beloved and respected.

“We regarded it a privilege to be associated with him in this service, and the memory of his virtues remains a precious legacy to us.

“From the Minutes.

“SAML. B. CHAPMAN,

“*Secretary.*”



RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY

HORN & BRANNEN MANUFACTURING
COMPANY

MEETING OF THE HORN & BRANNEN MANUFACTURING COMPANY



At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Horn & Brannen Manufacturing Company, held at the office of the company, No. 427 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, this (Saturday) morning, August 30, 1902, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Divine Providence to remove from this earth our fellow Director, Clement M. Biddle, in whose loss the community, as well as ourselves, suffers, owing to his noted ability, energy, and probity; therefore be it

Resolved, That this expression of our sorrow be entered upon our minute book, and a copy of the same be sent to his family; also that the Directors of this company attend his funeral.

HENRY DONOHUE,

President.

JAMES BRANNEN, *Secretary.*

COPY FROM MINUTES
FACULTY OF FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL
9 MO. 20, 1902
AND
EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES
OF THE
VISITING OR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

HELD 9 MO. 22, 1902

MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL



PHILADELPHIA, PA., 9 Mo. 20, 1902.

AT the first meeting of the Faculty of Friends' Central School held in the autumn of 1902, fitting remarks were made by principals and teachers, voicing the deep sorrow felt at the loss of our honorary member, Clement M. Biddle. It was voted that a minute be entered upon our records and likewise forwarded to his family, expressing our appreciation of his noble character and life and also of his valuable work in the advancement of Friends' schools in general and of our own in particular.

Those who knew his strong personality, his hurried, sympathetic word, or grasp of the hand, his quick perception of the needs of our school, and his undaunted courage in overcoming ob-

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stacles that stood in the way of its advancement, will long treasure his memory.



With the reading of your closing and most appropriate minute this committee was renewedly impressed with the loss that we, too, had sustained by the death of our much-lamented and valued friend, Clement M. Biddle.

For many years he was closely associated with this body, where his interests and attachments continued to the close of his useful life. His energy and labor for the advancement of our schools were untiring, and to him we not only owe a debt of gratitude, but feel that the success and prosperity of this institution are largely due to his unsparing efforts.

On behalf of the Committee.

REBECCA B. COMLY,

Clerk.

Extracted from the minutes of the Visiting or Executive Committee of Friends' Central School, held Ninth month 22, 1902.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES
OF
PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING
OF FRIENDS

HELD AT PHILADELPHIA

5 MO. 11, 1903

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS



EARLY after the opening this morning, the Meeting was introduced into a tender feeling of sympathy and travail of spirit, when attention was called to the loss we have sustained by the death of Howard M. Jenkins and Clement M. Biddle. Testimony was borne to the value of their labors in this Meeting, and to their influence in the world.

They were Friends not only by inheritance, but from earnest, true conviction of right.

A hope was expressed that we might be encouraged to emulate their example in faithfulness to manifested duty, believing that our heavenly Father will not fail to qualify all willing workers in His vineyard.

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Report of Meeting as copied from Philadelphia Public Ledger, Fifth month 12, 1903.

TRIBUTE TO DEAD LEADERS

AN impressive feature of this session was the tribute paid to Howard M. Jenkins and Clement M. Biddle, both of whom died within the last year. Each was a leader in the Society, and especially prominent in the deliberations of the Yearly Meeting last spring. The former not only largely influenced the Philadelphia Meeting, but his activity extended throughout the Society in this country, and he was well known to the Friends in England. As editor of the *Friends' Intelligencer* he was known in nearly every family of Friends.

Mordecai T. Bartram, of Willistown, Pennsylvania, referring to "their high honor and affection," paid high tribute to their worth in the Society of Friends, in the community at large, and to the speakers as individuals.

William W. Birdsall, former President of Swarthmore College, said :

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“ They were both Friends not only by inheritance, but by deep and thorough conviction. They were Friends in a far deeper sense than many of us, who, because our fathers were Friends, attend meeting in a formal and perfunctory manner. They were men whose lives extend back to the founding of the Society. They were broad and sympathetic-minded. They knew men and they had a deep understanding of life. Useful in their day and generation to a very unusual degree, their absence is a real loss to our Society and to the community, and we should turn our thought to a contemplation of their noble examples.”



EXTRACTS FROM THE EPISTLES

FORWARDED FROM

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING

TO OTHER

YEARLY MEETINGS

WITH WHOM THEY CORRESPOND

EXTRACTS FROM THE EPISTLES FORWARDED FROM PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING



THE presence and gospel labors of visiting Friends have helped to cheer and reassure us under the depressing influences consequent upon our great loss in the removal by death, and the absence through infirmity, of several of our most useful members. Among these, Howard M. Jenkins and Clement M. Biddle were feelingly alluded to as bright examples of physical, mental, and spiritual health and activity. The latter was indefatigable in the direct and energetic application of his powers to the affairs of our Society, especially to the department of education; the former, widely known as an editor and writer of acknowledged literary ability, and as having a deep sense of the importance of the promulgation of Friends' principles and testimonies.

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Those who thus pass from our midst are not gone in influence, for their thought remains in their work, and their memory is treasured in our hearts. Let us honor this memory by greater service and dedication in our own lives.





CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, 1871

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

WE PRINT SOME COMMUNICATIONS RELATIVE TO
THE APPOINTMENT OF

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE

AS A MEMBER OF THE CENTENNIAL BOARD OF
FINANCE

AND OTHER LETTERS OF INTEREST

APPOINTMENT OF CLEMENT M.
BIDDLE AS A MEMBER OF THE
CENTENNIAL BOARD OF FINANCE



OFFICE OF STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER,
PHILADELPHIA, 3d Mo. 1, 1873.

MY DEAR CLEM :

The copy enclosed speaks for itself, and shows how my time has been employed for three days past. Had thee been at home I should have seen thee before taking this step, but there was no time to lose, and appreciating the great importance of the matter, I have taken this responsibility.

I cannot too strongly impress thee with my ideas of the importance of the position, and of thy peculiar fitness for it. I fully appreciate all that thee has on thy shoulders now, but when I

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see thee I think I can make thee feel that the occasion calls for thy acceptance of this important post, and the consequent dropping of some of thy other cares. The position being esteemed a highly honorable one, is being sought after by a large number of aspirants, but my idea is that only those whom the position seeks should be appointed, as in thy case. The magnitude of the trust calls for the best men the city holds, irrespective of everything but fitness. I have worked hard in this matter, in other ways than getting signatures, and I think thee will be appointed.

Now, Clem, if the idea of declining crosses thy mind, do not, in any event, decide until thee sees me; I am especially desirous that thee serve for many reasons. One is that as the board will be in great measure composed of elderly men of wealth and position, I am earnest in the desire that young blood be introduced. Again, I want the Quaker element.

A great deal of work is being done in behalf of certain men, but I do not believe that the

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Friends have moved (except in this instance) or will even get wind of it until too late. I am desirous of thy acceptance on account of my interest in the welfare of the Centennial cause, but I also confess to perhaps a pardonable pride in the thought that the name of my old friend will be associated with our city's best known and most honored names in this historic board.

The nominations will be made in a few days, probably before thee gets this. The election will not take place till Fifth month, so there can be no reason for haste in thy decision. Any time before Fifth month will be time enough to decline. Meantime I should be glad to hear from thee in answer to this hurried letter, and it will be a great satisfaction to me and a full reward for my conscientious labor of the past few days, if I hear that what I have done meets with thy approval.

Affectionately thy friend,

ISAAC H. CLOTHIER.

I also enclose copy of a letter written by Lam-born to Morrell. The movement has grown so

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strong that I think it will be irresistible. I have enlisted the influence of strong names not on the paper.

Thee must not think of declining now.



OFFICE OF STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER,

PHILADELPHIA, 3d Mo. 3, 1873.

DEAR CLEM:

The enclosed letter I dashed off on Seventh day in a few minutes, and afterwards thought it not fit to send, but expected to write thee more deliberately to-day. My time is not less occupied to-day, however, and so I send it as it is, with the renewed assurance of my hope that thee will see fit to accept the service.

I am proud of the list of names I secured, and I assure thee it has been very gratifying to me to hear so warm an endorsement of the movement and of appreciation of thy peculiar fitness for the trust from so many of these picked men. Clem, the strongest influences in the city are at thy back, and a large number of our best men desire thy acceptance. Do not lightly decline or

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entertain declining, till thee has a chance after thy return to view the situation.

Affectionately, etc.,

ISAAC.



WE would respectfully recommend our fellow-townsmen, Clement M. Biddle, in whose judgment and integrity we have great confidence, to the United States Centennial Commission and the Stockholders of the Centennial Board of Finance, as a most desirable person for a Director of the last-named body.

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SAMUEL J. REEVES,

President Phoenix Iron Co.

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PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1873.

HON. D. J. MORRELL:

MY DEAR SIR,—I find that a very strong movement has developed in favor of Clement M. Biddle as a Director of the Board of Finance. Biddle is a retired Hardware Merchant, who has been devoting himself and his means to purifying West Philadelphia of swindling contractors, to running Soup Societies and organizing Educational Establishments.

His wealth, his integrity, his acuteness, his force of character, and his unselfish devotion to objects of public good, keeping his name studiously in the background, and only caring that the work be done and well done, have given him a position among the solid men of the city that makes his connection with the Finance Committee in its movement of so many millions of dollars of the public money a thing particularly to be desired. I saw day before yesterday a paper signed by the largest subscribers to stock in the city—Sharpless & Sons, Hood, Bonbright & Co., John Wanamaker, Strawbridge &

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Clothier, and a number of others of the same stamp, and I learn this morning of a large number of additional names, asking that Mr. Biddle be made a Director.

I know Biddle well, and am *sure* if you can get him to serve, that no better man can be found for Director.

It seemed to be best that you should be apprised early of this movement, the magnitude of which I was only this morning made aware of.

Truly yours,

ROBERT H. LAMBORN.



CAMBERIA IRON WORKS,
JOHNSTOWN, PA.,

March 4, 1873.

R. H. LAMBORN, Esq.:

MY DEAR SIR,—Your favor of 3d inst. is at hand. I have no doubt but that the name of Clement M. Biddle will be among the fifteen

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presented to the meeting of stockholders from the city of Philadelphia, and from the strong endorsement he has there will be as little doubt that he will be elected.

I expect to be in the city in a few days, and will have a consultation with some of the parties whose names have been most favorably presented, Mr. Biddle among the rest, and determine upon the ticket as far as the city is concerned.

Yours truly,

D. J. MORRELL.



OFFICE U. S. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,
904 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA,

March 29, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—You are respectfully invited to attend a conference to be held at this office on Monday, the 31st inst., at 2 o'clock P.M., relating to matters connected with the organization of the Centennial Board of Finance.

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The object of the meeting is to discuss, in a preliminary and informal manner, certain questions bearing upon that subject requiring consideration.

Very truly yours,

D. J. MORRELL.

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, ESQ.,

3313 Baring Street,

West Philadelphia.



INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, PHILADELPHIA.

1876.

UNITED STATES CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,

904 WALNUT STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, April 22, 1873.

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, ESQ.:

SIR,—We have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Centennial Board of Finance, held at Concert Hall this day, you were elected a member of the Board of

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Directors of the said Centennial Board of Finance.

Very respectfully,

JNO. V. JAMES,

GEO. MORRISON COATES,

JAMES LONG,

Judges of Election.

Attest:

DANIEL SUTTER,

I. HAYES CARSON,

Clerks.



OFFICE OF THE U. S. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,

904 WALNUT STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, April 23, 1873.

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, Esq.:

DEAR SIR,—The Executive Committee of the U. S. Centennial Commission request the members of the Board of Directors of the Centennial Board of Finance to meet them at 904 Walnut

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Street, at 3 o'clock to-day, for the purpose of consultation. You are particularly requested to be present.

Very respectfully,

LEWIS WALN SMITH,

Secretary.

M. D. R.



U. S. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,

904 WALNUT STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, April 25, 1873.

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, ESQ., PHILADELPHIA:

SIR,—A meeting of the Directors of the Centennial Board of Finance for the purpose of organization will be held on Thursday next, May 1, at 12 o'clock noon, at 904 Walnut Street.

You are respectfully requested to be present.

J. R. HAWLEY,

President U. S. Centennial Commission.

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CENTENNIAL BOARD OF FINANCE,
No. 904 WALNUT STREET,

May 10, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—I have the pleasure of informing you that you have been appointed a member of the Committee on Subscriptions and Payments.

The members of the Committee are Messrs. Shortledge, Patton, Biddle, Washburn, Fitler, Cummins, Steel, Wharton, and Robb.

Respectfully yours,

F. FRALEY,

Secretary.

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, ESQ.



CENTENNIAL BOARD OF FINANCE,
No. 904 WALNUT STREET,

July 17, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—You have been appointed Chairman of one of the Special Committees on Subscriptions to Stock.

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A meeting of the Chairmen will be held at this office on Saturday, 19th inst., at 9.30 o'clock.

Respectfully,

F. FRALEY,

Secretary.

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, Esq.



CENTENNIAL BOARD OF FINANCE,

No. 904 WALNUT STREET,

July 19, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the Directors held on the 17th inst., Messrs. Biddle, Fitler, Sellers, Washburn, and Allen were appointed a Committee for Obtaining Subscriptions to Stock in the Western States.

The Committee will meet at this office on Monday, 21st inst., at 10 o'clock.

Respectfully,

F. FRALEY,

Secretary.

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, Esq.

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U. S. CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,

PHILADELPHIA, July 28, 1873.

HIS EXCELLENCY

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF

SIR,—I have the honor to introduce to your Excellency Mr. Clement M. Biddle, one of the Directors of the Centennial Board of Finance, and Chairman of the Committee thereof on Subscriptions in the Western States and Territories.

In the performance of the important duties assigned to him, Mr. Biddle visits your prosperous commonwealth with a view to effect such an organized movement among your patriotic citizens as will give an effective impetus to subscriptions to the stock of the Centennial Exhibition which is to be the central and absorbing feature of our National Celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of American Independence.

The advantages which will inure to the several States and Territories of this Union from a proper support of and participation in the exhibi-

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tion are incalculable ; and are too obvious to be dwelt upon here.

We stand pledged by the Proclamation of the President of the United States issued on the 4th inst. to open to the foreign nations, who are invited to a generous competition therein, an international and universal exhibition in which all the resources, arts, industries, and progress of nations may be illustrated and compared.

On the subscriptions of the people of this great country we rely for the capital essential for carrying out an undertaking so vast in its proportions that it requires all the time now remaining, and constant and active labors to secure success.

The celebration is national, the exhibition is national, the bodies having it in charge are national.

Pennsylvania, the birthplace of the nation, having been chosen from historic propriety as the State in which the Exhibition is to be held, felt called upon to provide a liberal share of the necessary means. Three millions of dollars

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(nearly one-third of the necessary capital) have been supplied by her, upwards of a million and a half having been appropriated by the State Government and the city of Philadelphia, the balance being the result of popular subscriptions. She now awaits the action of the national sisterhood of States, loath by further contributions to detract from the national character of the enterprise.

If your Excellency will cause these facts to be presented prominently to the people of your State, no doubt is felt as to their response to the appeal which is to be made to them to vindicate before the world the patriotism and public spirit, the national pride and the personal enterprise of the American people.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

JOSEPH R. HAWLEY,

President U. S. Centennial Commission.

JOHN WELSH.

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INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, PHILADELPHIA.

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF FINANCE,

904 WALNUT STREET,

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8, 1874.

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE, Esq.:

DEAR SIR,—As we learn you are about to visit Europe and may have opportunities for aiding the cause of the Centennial, while abroad, we desire to give you this circular letter of introduction and credence. Your colleagues of the Board of Finance have had so many proofs of your interest in the work intrusted to them, and of your earnest and devoted labors for its success, that they feel assured you will lose no opportunity for fully explaining its objects and importance.

They therefore commend you and the great cause you will represent, to the fullest confidence and kind attention of those to whom you may present this letter as an introduction.

Respectfully and truly yours,

JOHN WELSH,

President.

Attest:

F. FRALEY, *Secretary.*

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SIR,—The United States Centennial Commission have decreed that a special bronze medal be presented to you in recognition of your valuable services rendered the administration of the International Exhibition of 1876.

I have the honor to transmit the same herewith.

I am yours very respectfully,

A. T. GOSHORN,

Director-General.

TO MR. CLEMENT M. BIDDLE,

Centennial Board of Finance.

PHILADELPHIA, November 10, 1877.



EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION COMPANY

MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 1877

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION COMPANY



At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Exhibition Company, held August 8, 1877, Mr. Clement M. Biddle tendered his resignation as President of the Board of Directors, which on motion was accepted, and Mr. Kingsley offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board of Directors be tendered to Clement M. Biddle for his untiring and efficient services as President of the Board, and for his magnanimity in refusing to accept any salary for his valuable services in organizing and carrying forward the Exhibition from its incipency.

(Extract from the minutes.)

J. JANNEY,
Secretary.

LETTER

FROM

CITIZENS' MUNICIPAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

LETTER FROM CITIZENS' MUNICIPAL REFORM ASSOCIATION



CITIZENS' MUNICIPAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROOMS, 711 Sansom Street,
PHILADELPHIA, April 15, 1873.

MY DEAR SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Committee of Thirty on abuses held to-day your resignation from the Committee on Highways and Board of Health was accepted.

And it was further

Resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Mr. Biddle for the zeal and ability with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

ELIAS L. BENEDICT,

Secretary Committee of Thirty, etc.

MR. CLEMENT M. BIDDLE,

3313 Baring Street,
West Philadelphia.

SWARTHMORE STOCK TRUST ASSOCIATION

ORIGINATED BY

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE

SWARTHMORE STOCK TRUST ASSOCIATION



PHILADELPHIA, 11th Mo. 7, 1887.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF SWARTHMORE COLLEGE :

There has long been an uneasiness among those interested in Swarthmore College, in reference to the present condition of its capital stock. Some matters require a vote of a majority of all the stock, and when, some years ago, it was necessary to take a stock vote, it took over a year to get a majority, on a project on which there was no opposition. Holders have died, or moved away, and their residence is lost. Having no marketable value, stock has been sold at public sale by executors, for a nominal price, to strangers, who have no interest whatever in the College, or the Society of Friends; or executors have closed their accounts with no reference to it. Some have never even taken the trouble to send after

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their certificates, it being looked on as a donation. Various efforts have been made, from time to time, to solve this question, but nothing practical has come out of it. In the meantime, matters are getting worse and worse, and the stock more and more scattered. After consultation with some Friends who are interested in the College, I have decided to make the following proposition :

First. That a trust be created, composed of all those who will contribute twenty shares of stock or more, who are members of the Religious Society of Friends, and who express a willingness to act.

Secondly. They shall receive and hold the stock donated to them for the benefit of the educational interests of the Religious Society of Friends.

Thirdly. During the life of the donor they shall vote the stock as directed by him or her, and at his or her death the stock is to be the absolute property of the trustees.

Fourthly. When their number is reduced

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below twenty, they shall have authority to fill vacancies up to that number, and so perpetuate the trust.

I enclose a postal card, which I would be obliged if you would return, either with the number of shares that you will donate, or in blank if you do not approve of the project. If enough answers are received to make it advisable, a meeting of those donating stock will be called for organization, etc.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

CLEMENT M. BIDDLE,
815 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

P. S.—Some friends of the College are prepared to purchase from executors who cannot donate, or from those who prefer selling, a limited amount of stock at one dollar per share.

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(Copied from *Friends' Intelligencer*, Twelfth month
10, 1887.)

SWARTHMORE STOCK TRUST ASSOCIATION

[At the request of Clement M. Biddle we publish the following information to stockholders of Swarthmore College.
—*Eds.*]

At a meeting of the stockholders of Swarthmore College, who are interested in depositing their stock under the plan proposed by Clement M. Biddle, held Eleventh month 23, 1887, at Race Street Meeting-House, there were fifty-five stockholders present. Edward H. Ogden was made chairman of the meeting and Wm. J. Hall secretary. Clement M. Biddle stated the object of the meeting to be such as set forth in the circular forwarded to the stockholders. If the plan proposed was adopted the Trust would start with 5000 of the 20,000 shares of the capital stock. The following list of those who had agreed to donate stock was read:

Edward B. Edwards, S. Robinson Coale, Joseph E. Gillingham, Ezra Lippincott, Wm. J. Hall,

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Susan B. Cunningham, Edward Longstreth, Herman Hoopes, Edward Merritt, John Williams, William P. Bancroft, Lydia M. Stephens, Isaac Stephens, George Watson, Lewis A. Lukens, Edward Hoopes, Thomas L. Leedom, William Longstreth, Benj. Hallowell, Jr., Lydia C. Biddle, Mary Betts, Richard Peterson, Edward H. Magill, John M. Broomall, Thomas H. Hall, Lydia H. Hall, Margaret G. Corlies, Jas. V. Watson, Edmund Webster, Rebecca N. Webster, Samuel Marshall, Wm. P. Marshall, J. Reece Lewis, Lucy Biddle Lewis, Wm. C. Biddle, Jr., Robert Biddle, Jr., Amos Hilborn, Chas. W. Wharton, Joshua Lippincott, Clement M. Biddle, Wm. Sellers & Co., Daniel D. Wright, Joseph Matthews, Caroline M. Reeves, Mary T. R. Foulke, M. Fisher Longstreth, Elwood Burdsall, Dillwyn Parrish, Jr., Elizabeth E. Hart, Isaac H. Clothier, Mary B. C. Lovering, Wm. W. Biddle, Joseph C. Turnpenney, Eli M. Lamb, John T. Willets, Emmor Roberts, Alfred Sharpless, Lindley Smyth, Emma C. Bancroft, Samuel J. Seaman, Clement A. Griscom, Frances C. Griscom, Edward Lewis, David T. Burr, Mary

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S. Lukens, Thomas J. Husband, Jonathan Gillam, Walter Y. Hoopes, Benj. D. Hicks, Joseph Willets, Hannah W. Sterling, Joseph Chapman, Alex. S. Truman, C. Newlin Pierce, Thomas Foulke, Estate of Wm. P. Jenks, Elizabeth M. Mendenhall, Daniel S. White, Clement B. Smyth, Joseph M. Truman, Jr., Joel J. Bailey, Howard W. Lipincott, George G. Haydock, P. Caroline Haydock, Anna J. Ferris, Joseph W. Johnson, Jr., Mary T. Bullus, Mary L. Wharton, Joel Sharpless, George W. Hancock, Edward Hopper, Enoch Lewis, Wm. W. Justice, Edmund Lewis, Elizabeth Janney, Elizabeth W. Parrish, Isaac Eyre, Elwood Johnson, Virginia E. Ridgely, Mary W. Stephens, Ellis D. Williams, Joseph T. Bunting, Anna M. Hunt, Effingham Cock, S. F. Jenkins, Dr. George Smith, Helen Comly White, Estate of Israel Peterson, Franklin H. Shoemaker, Mary H. Shoemaker, Wm. D. Foulke, Chas. Evans, Mary J. Hoopes, Amos R. Little, Isaac Collins, George B. Mellor, Edwin A. Atlee, John S. Collins, Henry Bentley, Phoebe Seaman, Lukens Thomas, Anna M. Ferris, Geo. Corlies,

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Jacob Corlies, Edith W. Atlee, Anna Seaman, James H. Seaman, Daniel Underhill, Clement Biddle, Arthur Beardsley, Estate of Jas. and Lucretia Mott, Robert Biddle, Charles M. Biddle, Joseph P. Brosius, E. Stabler, Jr., Alfred Moore, J. Kemp Bartlett, Rachel M. Biddle, Hannah B. Williams, Edward H. Ogden, Caroline C. Biddle, Mary B. Wood, Estate of D. and S. M. Parrish, Lydia Biddle, Edward A. Pennock, Clement M. Biddle, Jr., Caroline M. Cooper, James H. Hallowell, Norwood P. Hallowell, Florence Hall, E. C. Knight, F. S. Atkinson, Sarah Parrish, Sarah A. Willets, Henry M. Laing, Elizabeth L. Merritt, Hannah R. Lewis, Jno. P. Verree, Samuel Conard, Howard Garrett, Thomas Garrett, Samuel Wollaston, Ellwood Garrett, L. Mattson, Wm. J. Hancock, Jonathan W. Gillam, Mary Willets, Anna M. Hunt, and others.

On motion of Clement M. Biddle, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, section by section :

Resolved, That we advise the transfer of shares of the capital stock of Swarthmore College to

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—— Friends, to be selected by this meeting, upon the following terms :

First. That during the full term of the donors' natural lives, they will vote the said stock as the donors shall respectively from time to time direct in writing. In the absence of such directions the said stock shall be voted as a majority of the persons in whom the same may be vested shall determine.

Second. When the number of Friends shall be reduced below——, the vacancies shall be filled by the remaining persons holding said stock, and the title to the same shall be so transferred as to be held during the donors' respective lives by the survivors of the—— persons originally selected, and those chosen as herein provided, all of whom must be members of the Religious Society of Friends.

Third. Upon the donors' respective decease, said stock shall become the absolute property of the persons in whom the title thereto shall then be vested, to be used for the educational interests of the Religious Society of Friends.

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On motion of George W. Hancock, it was resolved that a committee of seven be appointed by the chairman to formulate a plan to be presented at a future meeting of this body. George W. Hancock, Clement M. Biddle, James V. Watson, Joseph Wharton, Chas. M. Biddle, Isaac H. Clothier, and Dr. M. Fisher Longstreth were appointed. On motion of George W. Hancock, it was resolved that when this meeting adjourn it be to Eleventh month 30, 1887, at 3 P.M. On motion of Clement M. Biddle, it was resolved that all those be invited to attend who have agreed or do agree to donate stock to this plan.

On motion, adjourned.

(Signed)

WM. J. HALL,

Secretary.



At an adjourned meeting, held Twelfth month 3, 1887, Joseph Wharton made a report in reference to a change of Constitution, which on motion was approved.

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The following resolution was united with :

Resolved, That we recommend the formation of an association to be called the "Swarthmore Stock Trust Association" for the purpose of aiding in keeping Swarthmore College under the control and management of persons in sympathy with the objects of its founders, and who are members of the Society of Friends. Said association to be composed of all members of the Society of Friends who on or before Twelfth month 20, 1887, agree to donate twenty shares of stock of Swarthmore College, and express a willingness to act. They are authorized to carry out the plan adopted at the last meeting, or such modifications as they may deem necessary, to accomplish the desired end.

Then adjourned.

(Signed)

WM. J. HALL,
Secretary.

In pursuance of the above resolution, a temporary organization was effected at Swarthmore College Twelfth month 5, 1887, twenty-five per-

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sons being present. A committee was appointed to take legal advice as to the best way to carry out the objects of the Association, and produce at the next meeting a Constitution and By-Laws. Voted, that all persons who are members of the Religious Society of Friends, who express in writing a willingness to act and donate twenty shares or more of Swarthmore College capital stock on or before the twentieth day of Twelfth month, 1887, shall be considered members of this Association. Clement M. Biddle, Benjamin Hallowell, Jr., William J. Hall, John T. Willets, and Edward Stabler, Jr., were appointed to prepare proper powers of attorney and to see that all stock donated is properly transferred. Then adjourned to Twelfth month 23.



PHILADELPHIA, Twelfth month 6, 1887.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF SWARTHMORE COLLEGE :

In pursuance of the foregoing appointment, we are prepared to receive donations of stock for the "Swarthmore Stock Trust Association."

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Powers of attorney are being prepared, giving the legal form of said transfer, which can be obtained from any member of the Committee. When properly signed certificates of stock should be attached and mailed to Clement M. Biddle, Chairman, 815 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully,

(Signed) CLEMENT M. BIDDLE,

815 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BENJAMIN HALLOWELL, JR.,

815 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

WILLIAM J. HALL,

Swarthmore, Pa.

JOHN T. WILLETS,

303 Pearl Street, New York.

EDWARD STABLER, JR.,

3 South Street, Baltimore, Md.



At a meeting of the Board of Managers of Swarthmore College, held Twelfth month 5, 1887, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :



FROM THE RAVINE AT "THE BRIARS"

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Resolved, That the Board of Managers of Swarthmore College hears with much pleasure of the formation of the "Swarthmore Stock Trust Association," for the purpose of aiding in keeping Swarthmore College under the control and management of persons in sympathy with the objects of its founders, and who are members of the Religious Society of Friends.

Resolved, That we recommend to the stockholders that they donate their stock to the said "Swarthmore Stock Trust Association."



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THE management of Swarthmore College being short of funds, it seemed necessary that the property south of the railroad belonging to the College should be sold, and there having been much discussion as to the best means of disposing of it, Clement M. Biddle, who was a member of the Board of Managers, offered to buy it for twenty-five thousand dollars. His intention was to sell to the best possible advantage, and everything made above expenses and interest, over this amount, to turn over to the College.

The sale was made in the spring of 1892, it being felt an individual could probably realize more than the College with the divided opinion of its Board.

He called upon the Engineering students of the Senior and Junior Classes to compete for prizes. The land was to be laid out for building lots, and the prizes awarded as follows: The per-

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son receiving the highest number of points was to be given one hundred dollars; the person receiving the second highest, fifty dollars; the next five, twenty-five dollars apiece; and all students not receiving a prize in line with the above were to receive ten dollars if they had shown worthy efforts.

The young men who received the first and second prizes were given fifty dollars additional for staking out the ground in line with the plan which was afterwards used, comprising the best ideas of all the plans submitted.

One thing that amused him was the way many of the young men, at times at a sacrifice to the best advantage of the plan they had formulated, so arranged the streets that the one known as Haverford Avenue in the village need not be continued through the tract, the feeling towards the rival sister college being so strong.

Later in the year the property was sold for forty thousand dollars, and the full amount, fifteen thousand dollars, over the purchase price was passed over to the College.

